

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,  
FOR THE  
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MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.  
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1703 — first school  
Travelling Teacher  
Date Julia Cobb 195

Name Mr.

Address Box 1866-

Sold by \_\_\_\_\_ Am't Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Charles	Teacher	
Edwin	Teacher	
William	Purchase	
John	Teacher	
James	Teacher	
Hannah W. Soule		
George Soule		1869
John		71

IN CASE OF ERROR RETURN THIS SLIP <sup>71</sup>/<sub>6</sub>



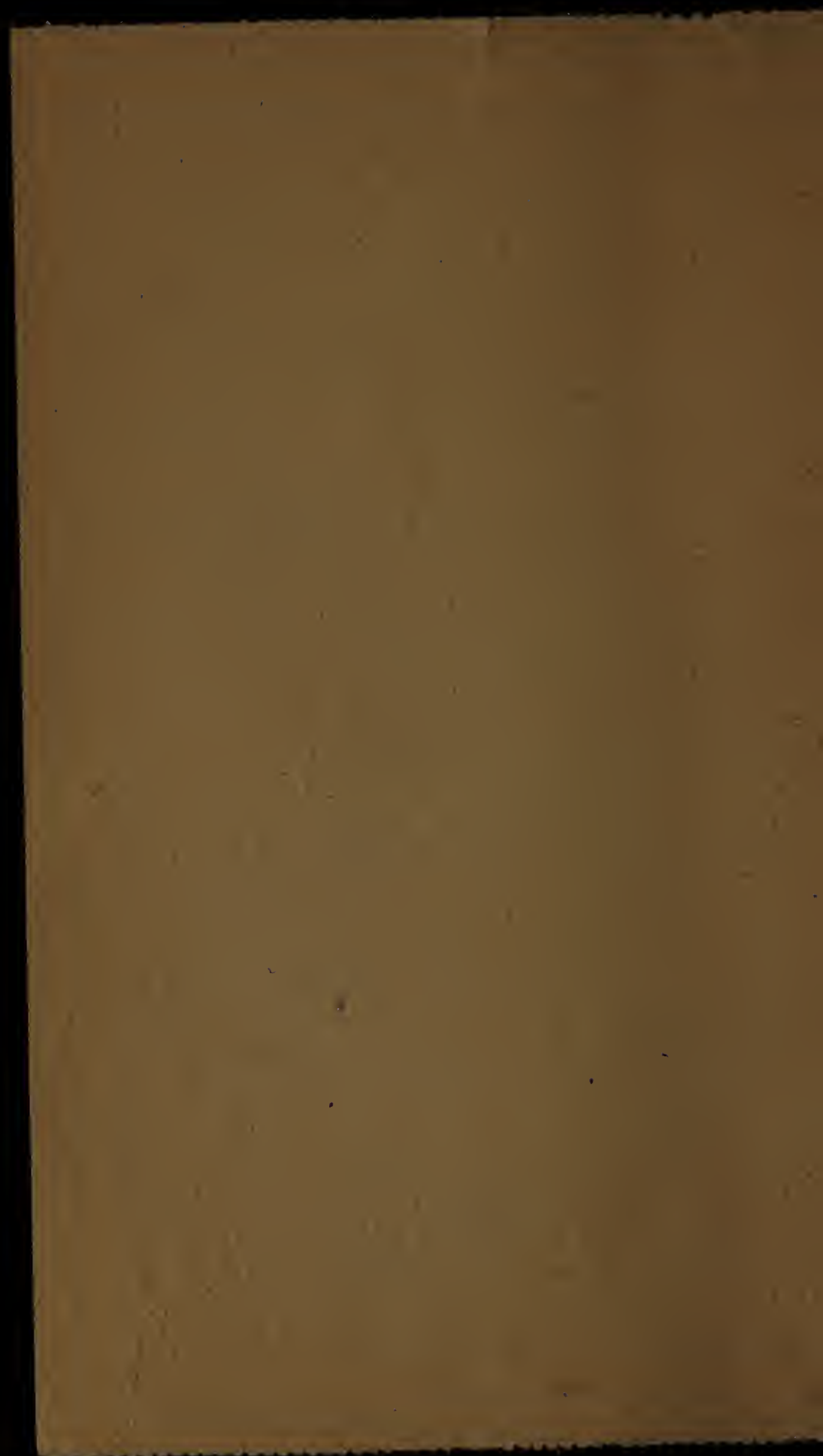
Early School records  
1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1856

1881

1930. 1<sup>st</sup> 4 grades

1940 last record Louie  
Sch.

Closed Jun. 12 - 1940  
16 in 3 + 4<sup>th</sup> grades



Item	Unit Cost	AS-9 Total Cost
Winking Tinsel		
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Elmer's Glue All (General Supplies)		
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Firma-Grip, B&S		
er, Sanfords		
er, Sanfords		
, 1 3/4 oz. (General Supplies)		
er, Bestine		



# TOWN OFFICERS, 1902.

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## Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

AMOS H. EATON.

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## Selectmen and Assessors.

EDWIN F. WITHAM . . . . .	Term expires 1904
LYMAN P. THOMAS . . . . .	" 1905
CHARLES W. KINGMAN . . . . .	" 1903

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## Overseers of the Poor.

SYLVANUS MENDALL . . . . .	Term expires 1903
ANDREW M. WOOD . . . . .	" 1905
ALVAN P. VAUGHAN . . . . .	" 1904

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## School Committee.

BERT J. ALLAN . . . . .	Term expires 1904
JOHANNA T. LEONARD . . . . .	" 1904
WILLIAM A. ANDREWS . . . . .	" 1903
NATHAN WASHBURN . . . . .	" 1903
WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH . . . . .	" 1905
WILLIAM C. LITCHFIELD . . . . .	" 1905

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## Superintendent of Schools.

CHARLES H. BATES.

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## Municipal Light Board.

THOMAS S. HODGSON, M.D. . . . .	Term expires 1905
JOHN A. MILLER . . . . .	" 1904
HENRY W. SEARS . . . . .	" 1903

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## Board of Health.

BERT J. ALLAN . . . . .	Term expires 1905
JAMES A. BURGESS . . . . .	" 1904
THOMAS S. HODGSON, M.D. . . . .	" 1903

**Constables.**

JOSIAH T. CARVER.	WILLISTON B. CHANDLER.
BRADFORD HARLOW.	SAMUEL HATHAWAY.
EVERETT T. LINCOLN.	SAMUEL S. LOVELL.
JOHN M. LUIPPOLD.	SYLVANUS MENDALL.
SIMEON L. NICKERSON.	ICHABOD B. THOMAS.
CHARLES C. TINKHAM,	WILLIAM L. WADE,
(resigned May 24.)	(resigned June 14.)
B. FRANK WHITE.	

**Superintendent of Streets.**

SAMUEL N. SHIVERICK.

**Registrars of Voters.**

THOMAS C. COLLINS (deceased September 6, 1902).	
LORENZO WOOD (appointed September 13)	Term expires 1903
PETER M. RAMSEY . . . . .	" 1905
JAMES H. RUSSELL . . . . .	" 1904

**Fish Wardens.**

EDWIN F. WITHAM.	CHARLES W. KINGMAN.
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**Trustees of Public Library.**

C. D. KINGMAN . . . . .	Term expires 1905
W. H. SOUTHWORTH . . . . .	" 1905
NATHAN WASHBURN . . . . .	" 1905
GEORGE BRAYTON . . . . .	" 1904
E. S. HATHAWAY . . . . .	" 1904
ANDREW M. WOOD . . . . .	" 1904
DAVID G. PRATT . . . . .	" 1903
JOSEPH E. BEALS . . . . .	" 1903
WARREN B. STETSON . . . . .	" 1903

**Fence Viewers.**

JARED F. ALDEN.	GEORGE R. SAMPSON.
CHESTER E. WESTON.	

**Tree Warden.**

LUTHER S. BAILEY.

**Auditors.**

W. R. MITCHELL . . . . .	(resigned April 5, 1902)
LORENZO WOOD . . . . .	(appointed May 1, 1902; resigned Sept. 13, 1902)
PERCY W. KEITH . . . . .	(appointed October 18, 1902)



# REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902,

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## APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 1902,

*And Adjournments held March 19, 1902, also Special  
Meetings held September 21, 1901, and  
October 29, 1901.*

To defray the expense of exterminating the elm

leaf beetle . . . . .	\$293 71
Tree warden . . . . .	500 00
Incidental expenses . . . . .	299 00
Incidentals . . . . .	2,500 00
Support of schools, including superintendent's salary . . . . .	23,500 00
Schoolhouse, North Middleboro . . . . .	2,500 00
Schoolhouse, East Middleboro . . . . .	2,000 00
Repairs and alterations on school property . . . . .	500 00
Special music teacher . . . . .	500 00
School committee's salary . . . . .	150 00
Lighting bonds . . . . .	1,500 00
Interest on lighting bonds . . . . .	3,268 00
Suburban lighting . . . . .	400 00
Municipal light construction . . . . .	832 00
Municipal light board salary . . . . .	150 00

Interest on town debt . . . . .	\$3,500 00
Highways . . . . .	10,000 00
Night watch and police . . . . .	900 00
Support of poor and insane . . . . .	7,500 00
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	3,500 00
Drainage, West side . . . . .	3,000 00
Town officers . . . . .	2,500 00
Military aid . . . . .	800 00
Town House committee . . . . .	400 00
Water supply . . . . .	1,500 00
Board of Health . . . . .	400 00
Grade crossing debt . . . . .	4,747 04
Interest on above . . . . .	594 51
Post 8, G. A. R. . . . .	200 00
Sprinkling streets . . . . .	600 00
Concrete sidewalks . . . . .	200 00
Moderator . . . . .	15 00
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	\$79,249 26
Less corporation and bank tax . . . . .	7,000 00
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To raise by tax . . . . .	\$72,249 26
Voted by the Town, including grade crossing tax, \$72,249 26	
State tax . . . . .	2,205 00
State highway tax . . . . .	71 76
County tax . . . . .	4,689 80
Non-resident bank tax . . . . .	135 00
Overlayings . . . . .	1,349 02
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	\$80,699 84

Assessed on 2011 polls . . . . .	\$4,022 00
Assessed on personal property . . . . .	16,950 60
Assessed on real estate . . . . .	59,592 24
Assessed on non-resident bank stock . . . . .	135 00
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	\$80,699 84

Number of polls assessed, 2011.

Value of buildings, excluding land . . . . .	\$1,816,175 00
Value of land, excluding buildings . . . . .	1,494,506 00
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	\$3,310,681 00
Value of personal estate . . . . .	941,700 00
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	\$4,252,381 00

Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property,

residents . . . . .	1,416
Persons, firms, etc., non-residents . . . . .	321
Persons assessed for polls only . . . . .	1,095
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Total number of persons assessed, . . . . .	2,832

Number of horses assessed . . . . .	811
Number of cows assessed . . . . .	576
Number of sheep assessed . . . . .	15
Number of neat cattle other than cows . . . . .	103
Number of swine . . . . .	27
Number of dwelling houses . . . . .	1,505
Number acres of land . . . . .	40,260
Number of fowl . . . . .	1,325
Population of town . . . . .	6,588

Amount of taxes remitted, 1899	.	.	.	\$64 36
Amount of taxes remitted, 1900	.	.	.	122 66
Amount of taxes remitted, 1901	.	.	.	537 60
Amount of taxes remitted, 1902	.	.	.	269 69

Rate of tax, \$18 on \$1000.

EDWIN F. WITHAM,  
LYMAN P. THOMAS,  
CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

*Assessors of Middleborough, Mass.*

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given under the several appropriations made by the town.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,500 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .	31 60	
	<hr/>	\$2,468 40
Orders drawn :		
C. W. Kingman, selectman and assessor for 1901 . . . . .	\$108 18	
C. W. Kingman, selectman and assessor . . . . .	193 50	
A. T. Savery, selectman and assessor for 1901 . . . . .	55 00	
A. T. Savery, selectman and assessor, . . . . .	85 00	
E. F. Witham, selectman and assessor for 1901 . . . . .	108 06	
E. F. Witham, selectman and assessor, . . . . .	242 15	
L. P. Thomas, selectman and assessor, . . . . .	135 00	
Amos H. Eaton, town clerk, treasurer and collector . . . . .	1,016 65	



Amos H. Eaton, one of the board of registrars . . . . .	\$65 00	
Peter M. Ramsey, one of the board of registrars . . . . .	60 25	
James H. Russell, one of the board of registrars . . . . .	61 75	
Sylvanus Mendall, serving summons,	14 40	
S. N. Shiverick, tree warden, 1901,	83 33	
S. N. Shiverick, tree warden . . . . .	16 67	
Election officers, precinct 2 . . . . .	100 00	
Percy R. Harlow, election officer . . . . .	4 00	
Election officers, precinct 1 . . . . .	34 50	
Lorenzo Wood, auditor . . . . .	15 00	
Lorenzo Wood, one of the board of registrars . . . . .	25 00	
W. R. Mitchell, auditor, 1901 . . . . .	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,503 44
Overdrawn . . . . .		<hr/> \$35 04

## INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,500 00
Overdrawn as per transfer by auditor and treasurer . . . . .	11 11
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	\$2,488 89
Appropriated, 1901 . . . . .	293 71
Received from S. S. Lovell, sealer of weights and measures . . . . .	16 57



Received from herring account, 1901,	\$19 34	
Received from herring account, 1902,	119 55	
	<hr/>	\$2,938 06

## Orders drawn :

A. T. Savery, traveling expenses, etc., 1901 . . . . .	\$20 00
A. T. Savery, traveling expenses .	10 00
E. F. Witham, traveling expenses, 1901 . . . . .	66 50
E. F. Witham, traveling expenses .	53 80
C. W. Kingman, traveling expenses,	59 35
J. F. Shurtleff, M. D., return of births . . . . .	3 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing .	121 21
C. P. Keith, V. S., 1901, inspection,	20 50
C. P. Keith, V. S., inspection .	246 00
Wood & Tinkham, printing town re- ports, poll list, etc. . . . .	577 81
W. F. Fryer, M. D., return of births,	7 25
Henry Swan, M. D., return of births,	75
W. F. Whitmarsh, M. D. . . . .	50
A. H. Eaton, administering oaths, returning state and military aid for 1901 . . . . .	25 00
A. H. Eaton, returning state and military aid . . . . .	25 00
A. H. Eaton, returning births, deaths, etc. . . . .	115 60
A. H. Eaton, treasurer, printing, sta- tionery, etc. . . . .	21 53

James A. Burgess, inspection, 1901,	\$58 50
James A. Burgess, inspection of dressed meat . . . . .	103 90
James A. Burgess, stamps . . . .	2 50
Thomas W. Blanchard . . . . .	65
Nathan Washburn, legal advice, etc.,	100 00
George H. Hermann, fighting fire .	1 00
Sarah A. Phinney, dinners of elec- tion officers . . . . .	14 00
Emery Record Preserving Co., bind- ing books, etc. . . . .	13 75
Southern Mass. Telephone Co. .	27 09
D. H. Holmes, M.D., returning births,	1 50
J. E. Benson, forest fire ward .	27 50
C. W. Kingman, fire ward . . . .	11 00
Benjamin C. Shaw, fire ward . . .	68 20
Josiah H. Thomas, fire ward . . .	9 40
C. E. Weston, fire ward . . . . .	3 20
George H. Vaughan, fire ward .	20 70
E. H. Cromwell, fire ward . . . .	73 40
A. G. Harvey, fire ward . . . . .	8 35
Walter T. Bryant, fire ward . . .	15 97
C. W. Maxim, fire ward . . . . .	26 20
C. F. Cushman, inspector of vinegar,	53 00
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., printing .	25 75
P. B. Murphy, printing . . . . .	5 00
M. M. Copeland, printing . . . .	90 25
A. M. Bearse, P.M., envelopes etc.,	105 92
W. L. Beals, surveying . . . . .	10 50

Hobbs & Warren, printing . . .	\$1 61	
E. E. Hobart, recording deed . . .	3 00	
S. S. Lovell, liquor case . . .	20 00	
S. S. Lovell, sealer of weights and measures . . . . .	24 00	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber . . .	30.02	
John B. Washburn, transfers . . .	35 00	
George Soule, recording deaths . . .	15 75	
Mary C. Eaton, copying . . .	15 00	
John B. Carver, release of land . . .	50 00	
James H. Dalton, dinners . . .	2 00	
E. W. Thomas, release of land . . .	25 00	
T. G. Sisson, teams . . .	7 00	
C. E. Ryder, typewriting . . .	5 00	
The Carter Ink Co., ink . . .	1 25	
Sylvanus Mendall, dog warrant . . .	25 00	
W. B. Stetson, copying . . .	81 95	
George W. Stetson, attorney for set- tlement of Matthewson case . . .	150 00	
Jones Brothers Co., return of deaths, . . .	8 25	
A. S. Buckman, pump . . .	17 00	
Otis Briggs, teams . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,772 36
Unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$165 70

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation for repairs of high-  
ways, snow bills, etc., including  
superintendent's salary . . . \$10,000 00

Unexpended . . . . .	\$1 60	
Other receipts as per report of super-		
intendent of streets . . . . .	7,058 01	
	<u>————</u>	\$17,059 61
Orders drawn :		
General highway bills, approved by		
superintendent of streets . . . . .		16,935 50
		<u>————</u>
Unexpended . . . . .		\$124 11

## WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00	
Orders drawn . . . . .		\$1,500 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

The selectmen, acting upon the advice of the State Aid Commissioners, on May 1st contracted with Dr. A. Vincent Smith to furnish medical attendance and supplies to such soldiers, sailors and marines in the town as were personally unable to pay for same. The amounts paid to other physicians, as noted in foregoing report, were for services rendered prior to this date.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,500 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .	1,476 77	
	<u>————</u>	\$2,023 23
Received from City of Waltham . . . . .	235 25	
Received from E. S. Bradford for		
burial of soldiers . . . . .	140 00	
	<u>————</u>	\$2,398 48

## Orders drawn :

Benjamin F. Mosher . . . .	\$15 00
A. O. Standish . . . .	35 00
Mrs. A. Bliss . . . .	52 00
John Luippold, guardian . .	104 00
Mrs. C. H. Crandall . . . .	52 00
C. W. Clark . . . .	65 00
Mrs. Hannah Bates . . . .	104 00
Mrs. Solomon Kitterell . .	104 00
Mrs. Caleb H. Perry and child .	130 00
Charles A. Howes, account of Mrs.	
C. H. Perry . . . .	13 50
Solon Robertson . . . .	90 00
Mrs. Eugene Blackwell . . . .	220 00
Town of Bourne, account of Esther	
Gibbs . . . .	18 00
Town of Sandwich, account of H. P.	
Lovell . . . .	216 23
George Temple, account Plymouth .	65 00
Wilson Orr . . . .	38 00
Abiel Gibbs . . . .	50 00
George H. Holmes . . . .	56 00
William Egger, account of George	
Holmes . . . .	10 00
Thomas E. Wilmot . . . .	65 00
John N. Main . . . .	27 50
Daniel F. Wilbur . . . .	140 00
Benjamin F. Lane, account of Mrs.	
Bates . . . .	212 00



Mrs. Louisa Parry	.	..	.	\$65 00
George Powers	.	.	.	15 00
Charles O. Cook	.	.	.	58 00
Eben H. Atwood	.	.	.	100 00
Harrison Haskins	.	.	.	78 00
Simeon Harlow	.	.	.	48 00
James E. McMann	.	.	.	126 00
Mrs. Maria S. Haines	.	.	.	35 00
John T. Haskell	.	.	.	30 00
Job N. Cole	.	.	.	20 00
James L. Jenney, account of C. H.				
Perry	.	.	.	3 50
William F. Thompson	.	.	.	40 00
J. B. LeBaron, account of T. Wilmot,				16 88
C. A. Howes, account of T. Wilmot,				15 00
John J. Perkins	.	.	.	20 00
Theodore P. Holmes	.	.	.	47 45
Bernard Glancey	.	.	.	5 00
Lizzie H. Gifford	.	.	.	2 50
William A. Coombs	.	.	.	20 00
Isaac M. Foye	.	.	.	28 00
Saulisbury Frisbee.	.	.	.	5 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co.	.	.	.	4 25
George H. Shaw, 2d	.	.	.	25 00
Sanford Weston	.	.	.	30 00
Stephen H. Hammond	.	.	.	20 00
Earle T. Smith	.	.	.	20 00
Mrs. Isabel H. Finney	.	.	.	54 00
William E. Bump	.	.	.	60 00



Samuel Williams . . . . .	\$22 00
George L. Finney . . . . .	20 00
Mrs. G. L. Finney . . . . .	10 00
Massachusetts Hospital for Dipso- somaniacs, account of George L. Finney . . . . .	74 28
C. S. Cummings, account of G. L. Finney . . . . .	32 00
W. F. Fryer, account of A. Bliss, 1901 . . . . .	30 00
W. F. Fryer, account of A. Bliss . .	66 00
W. F. Fryer, M. D., S. Bisbee . .	20 50
W. F. Fryer, M. D., A. L. Dorr . .	48 00
C. S. Cummings, M. D., account of S. Robertson . . . . .	11 25
C. S. Cummings, M. D., account of Abiel Gibbs . . . . .	4 50
C. S. Cummings, M. D., account of T. Wilmot . . . . .	62 25
C. S. Cummings, M. D., account of W. Orr . . . . .	5 50
A. Vincent Smith, M. D., from May 1st to January 10th, 1903 . . . .	300 00
A. Vincent Smith, M. D., account of C. H. Perry . . . . .	33 00
Shaw & Childs, account of C. H. Perry . . . . .	20 78
Drs. Hodgson & Wilbur, account of B. F. Lane . . . . .	8 00

Drs. Hodgson & Wilbur, account of		
H. Bates . . . . .	\$54 50	
J. F. Shurtleff, M. D., account of		
J. H. Tripp . . . . .	77 50	
Amos B. Paun, M. D., account of J. H.		
Tripp . . . . .	107 00	
Massachusetts General Hospital, ac-		
count of J. H. Tripp . . . . .	59 75	
J. M. Clark, account of J. H. Tripp,	157 80	
E. F. Witham, account of J. H. Tripp,	20 00	
D. H. Holmes, M. D., account of		
H. Vaughan . . . . .	158 50	
Smith & Hathaway, H. Vaughan . . . . .	19 65	
William E. Chase, watching . . . . .	5 00	
Mrs. Albert Hennessey, account of		
T. E. Niles . . . . .	22 00	
Miss Minnie Standish, account of T.		
E. Niles . . . . .	4 00	
Mrs. Truman E. Niles . . . . .	5 00	
Mrs. Dorcas Brown . . . . .	10 00	
C. A. Howes, account of Dorcas		
Brown . . . . .	10 00	
Charles W. Turner, administering		
oaths, State aid, etc. . . . .	14 25	
Sparrow Bros., account of A. Morse,	15 00	
Charles A. Howes . . . . .	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,401 82
Overdrawn . . . . .		<hr/> \$2,003 34

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$900 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	299 22	
Received from H. S. Porter, sheriff,	50 00	
Received from Fourth District Court,	315 72	
	<hr/>	\$1,564 94

## Orders drawn :

Herbert L. Leonard, chief of police,		
1901 . . . . .	\$62 00	
Herbert L. Leonard, chief of police,	234 00	
George E. Hatch, night watch .	200 00	
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch .	428 00	
Herbert L. Leonard, keeper of lock-		
up . . . . .	92 00	
D. D. Sullivan, legal advice in liquor		
cases . . . . .	76 00	
W. B. Chandler, police duty . .	44 50	
S. S. Lovell, police duty . . . .	67 00	
Everett T. Lincoln . . . . .	31 00	
F. C. King . . . . .	18 00	
Samuel Hathaway . . . . .	61 00	
John M. Luippold . . . . .	36 00	
Sylvanus Mendall . . . . .	18 00	
Ichabod Thomas . . . . .	22 00	
Benjamin W. Bump . . . . .	37 52	
	<hr/>	1,427 20
Unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$137 92

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation . . . .	\$400 00	
Received for rents . . . .	1,251 92	
From Fourth District Court . . . .	402 94	
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	\$2,054 86	
Overdrawn . . . .	702 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,651 92

## Orders drawn :

Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant . . . .	\$471 24	
Amos H. Eaton, agent, salary . . . .	150 00	
B. F. Johnson, janitor, salary . . . .	420 00	
Repairs and supplies . . . .	70 45	
Fred C. Sparrow . . . .	2 25	
J. & G. E. Doane . . . .	14 75	
Thomas W. Peirce . . . .	15 31	
F. A. Johnson . . . .	14 50	
India Alkali Works . . . .	6 37	
J. B. LeBaron . . . .	22 50	
Ichabod Thomas . . . .	3 00	
Samuel Hathaway, police duty . . . .	15 00	
W. B. Chandler, police duty . . . .	1 00	
Bryant & Soule, coal . . . .	64 68	
Whitman, Sparrow & Co. . . .	2 50	
	<hr/>	1,273 55
Unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$378 37

## SEWERS.

Unexpended . . . .	\$463 76	
From sewer permits . . . .	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$588 76
Orders drawn :		
Martin O. Rounseville . . . .	\$58 00	
A. G. Hayes . . . .	5 00	
	<hr/>	63 00
Unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$525 76

## SPRINKLING STREETS.

Appropriation . . . .	\$600 00	
Assessed on abutters . . . .	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,200 00
Orders drawn . . . . .	\$600 00	

## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation . . . .	\$200 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	11 37	
	<hr/>	\$211 37

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Orders drawn from appropriation for board of health for salaries :

James A. Burgess . . . .	\$320 00
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## TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation . . . .	\$500 00	
T. S. Phinney . . . .	31 25	
L. S. Bailey . . . .	32 35	
Mrs. H. O. Peirce . . . .	5 80	
Fletcher L. Barrows . . . .	6 90	
	<hr/>	\$576 30
Orders drawn :		
Bowker Chemical Co. . . .	\$160 35	
C. W. H. Moulton . . . .	34 00	
Luther S. Bailey . . . .	360 00	
J. & G. E. Doane . . . .	10 95	
C. W. Maxim . . . .	7 30	
	<hr/>	572 60
Unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$3 70

For details, see tree warden's report.

EDWIN F. WITHAM,  
 LYMAN P. THOMAS,  
 CHARLES W. KINGMAN,  
*Selectmen of Middleborough, Mass.*



## REPORT OF FISH WARDENS.

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To divide with Lakeville, 1901	.	.	.	\$21 75
Paid Lakeville, July 16, 1902	.		\$2 41	
Credited incidental account	.	.	19 34	
			<hr/>	\$21 75

Received from sale of herrings	.	\$206 00	
Received from towns down the river,		110 00	
		<hr/>	\$316 00

### Orders drawn :

D. D. Sullivan	.	.	.	.	\$5 00	
D. F. Wilbur	.	.	.	.	17 40	
William B. Thomas	.	.	.	.	130 00	
Charles H. Tobey	.	.	.	.	5 00	
E. F. Witham	.	.	.	.	5 00	
C. W. Kingman	.	.	.	.	5 00	
C. N. Simmons	.	.	.	.	15 00	
					<hr/>	182 40

To divide with Lakeville	.	.	.	\$133 60
Paid town of Lakeville, Dec. 30	.		\$14 05	
Credited to incidentals	.	.	119 55	
			<hr/>	\$133 60

E. F. WITHAM,

C. W. KINGMAN,

*Fish Wardens of the Town of Middleboro, Mass.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

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*To the Board of Selectmen:*

The following are highway, State highway, snow and town team bills, etc., as rendered since January 1st, 1902:

Appropriation for highways, 1902	\$10,000 00
Unexpended balance 1901	1 60
Received for sprinkling	1,288 20
Received of East Taunton Street R'y Co.	73 57
Received of Brockton & Middleboro Street Rail- way Co.	873 66
Received of Middleboro, Wareham & Buzzard's Bay Street R. R. Co.	2,448 23
Received of Peirce trustees	320 31
Received of John Caples	2 25
Received of W. S. Barden	20 00
Received of L. Green	4 50
Received of C. E. Leonard	8 00
Received of Catholic Society	2 60
Received of Paul Silva	18 00
Received of Acme Machine Co.	12 00
Received of Thomas J. Connors	8 00
Received of New England Telephone Co.	14 91

Received of State Treasurer . . . . .	\$1,853 09
Received of A. M. Peckham, for hogs . . . . .	65 19
Received of State road account . . . . .	45 50
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	\$17,059 61

The following orders have been approved for payment of teams, labor, etc., to assistants in their sections, of which there are sixteen :

S. N. Shiverick . . . . .	\$5,359 95
A. R. Dunham . . . . .	426 70
Charles Cobb . . . . .	31 61
Charles E. Pratt . . . . .	261 72
Charles H. Shaw . . . . .	255 43
Elijah S. Ober . . . . .	192 13
H. A. Thompson . . . . .	77 96
H. W. Atwood . . . . .	226 11
Walter Bryant . . . . .	374 06
S. L. Pratt . . . . .	369 88
Ichabod Thomas . . . . .	191 38
Shadrack Atwood . . . . .	166 93
W. A. Shaw . . . . .	374 93
Abner Wood . . . . .	164 70
J. H. Tripp . . . . .	18 89
Amos S. Buckman . . . . .	195 96
Henry C. Tinkham . . . . .	23 18
William Clark . . . . .	452 48
Orlando F. Carver . . . . .	205 20
Josiah H. Thomas . . . . .	343 52

EXPENSES ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW SINCE JANUARY  
1ST, 1902.

S. N. Shiverick . . . . .	\$274 83
A. R. Dunham . . . . .	64 70
Charles Cobb . . . . .	29 80
Charles H. Shaw . . . . .	20 00
Elijah S. Ober . . . . .	18 00
H. A. Thompson . . . . .	25 00
Walter Bryant . . . . .	82 83
S. L. Pratt . . . . .	98 23
Ichabod Thomas . . . . .	67 70
Shadrack Atwood . . . . .	8 37
W. A. Shaw . . . . .	40 40
Abner Wood . . . . .	37 05
J. H. Tripp . . . . .	26 40
Amos S. Buckman . . . . .	21 74
Henry C. Tinkham . . . . .	61 47
William Clark . . . . .	44 29
Orlando F. Carver . . . . .	39 70

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Wylie Brothers, machinists . . . . .	\$19 90
John McNally, teaming, etc. . . . .	11 64
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber . . . . .	190 57
M. H. Cushing & Co., grain and hay . . . . .	380 06
T. W. Pierce, merchandise . . . . .	37 24
A. J. Bailey, painting sprinklers, signs, etc. . . . .	55 00
C. W. Maxim, lumber and milling . . . . .	15 75

Taylor Steel Co., castings . . . . .	\$21 00
Taunton Locomotive Co., iron, steel and re- pairing . . . . .	57 50
Acme Co., cheek plates and bushings . . . . .	20 00
E. H. Cromwell, repairing . . . . .	2 50
F. F. Tillson, balance on bridge work . . . . .	13 25
O. S. Kelly Co., yoke, glands, etc. . . . .	52 41
Alexander Eaton, freight on yoke and horse hire . . . . .	13 07
E. W. Thomas, for land taken on Wareham street . . . . .	25 00
John McCormick, account of Water street bridge, etc. . . . .	696 13
F. C. Norris, cushions . . . . .	4 40
C. W. Baker, damage to team . . . . .	12 00
W. F. Dean, sawing and stakes . . . . .	5 40
H. C. Stoehr, stable goods . . . . .	5 68
A. R. Dunham, repairing pump, North Middle- borough . . . . .	2 00
J. & G. E. Doane, merchandise . . . . .	234 70
E. O. Parker, grain . . . . .	101 13
A. C. Cooseboom, blacksmithing and shoeing . . . . .	60 45
Walter Beals, surveying . . . . .	7 00
G. W. Tibbetts, scraper blades and bolts . . . . .	17 50
Waters Governor Co., gears . . . . .	1 60
A. C. Norris, harness repairing and stable goods, . . . . .	14 55
A. A. Clafflin, valve and packing . . . . .	6 73
Bryant & Soule, coal . . . . .	97 05
Bryant & Soule, hay and grain . . . . .	269 65



Howard Bishop, labor on snow . . . . .	\$2 50
Good Roads Co., tools . . . . .	23 25
E. Downing, 193 tons, 1565 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	96 88
H. Green, 41 tons, 1145 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	20 79
Alex Eaton, 82 tons, 275 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	41 07
Alex Eaton, 84 tons stone at 35 cts. . . . .	29 40
C. E. Weston, 116 tons, 1145 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	58 29
T. B. West, 259 tons, 985 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	129 74
O. Warren, 97 tons, 445 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	48 61
C. H. Thomas, 52 tons, 560 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	26 14
C. H. Thomas, 108 tons, 1415 lbs. stone at 35 cts.	38 04
George Sampson, 28 tons, 800 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	14 20
F. Stets, 22 tons, 710 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	11 18
G. Simmons, 425 tons, 875 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	212 72
C. H. Shaw, 136 tons, 650 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	68 16
I. Porter, 14 tons, 1570 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	7 39
S. L. Pratt, 92 tons, 230 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	46 06
A. B. Paun, 50 tons, 710 lbs. stone at 50 cts. .	25 18
A. B. Paun, 84 tons, 1 lb. stone at 15 cts. .	12 60
E. S. Ober, 129 tons, 170 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	64 54
J. B. Knowland, 12 tons, 340 lbs. stone at 15 cts.	1 82
Edward Matthews, 55 tons, 1340 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	27 83
John McNally, 99 tons, 1590 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	49 90
John Mullens, 24 tons, 120 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	12 03
Galen Lovell, 100 tons, 1350 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	50 34
Lewis Hathaway, 55 tons, 350 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	27 59
Ednah Drake, 13 tons, 770 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	6 69
William Downing, 41 tons, 1500 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	20 88
John Deane, 30 tons, 1695 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	15 42



O. F. Carver, 55 tons, 1660 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	\$27 91
John Caples, 35 tons, 1300 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	17 82
C. H. Carpenter estate, 12 tons, 890 lbs. stone at 25 cents . . . . .	3 12
John Chace, 68 tons, 1395 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	34 35
T. Cleverly, 44 tons, 1470 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	22 37
Sylvanus Bump, 32 tons, 1975 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	16 49
W. S. Barden, 99 tons, 1680 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	49 92
Job Braley, 126 tons, 160 lbs. stone at 50 cts.	63 04
Job Braley, 108 tons, 1415 lbs. stone at 15 cts.	16 31
Ames Plow Co., two carts . . . . .	277 89
Keystone Lubricating Co., grease . . . . .	2 00
William Downing, two scythes . . . . .	1 50
Horace Ryder, tools, whiffletrees, etc. . . . .	13 05
G. H. Simmons, cord of pine wood . . . . .	2 50
Enameled Iron Co., 39 street signs at 60 cents,	23 40
Thomas T. Peirce estate, hay . . . . .	200 00
M. O. Rounseville, stone work . . . . .	452 95
Middleboro Harness Co., stable supplies, etc. . . . .	14 55
C. E. Weston, 3 acres of grass . . . . .	50 00
M. T. Soule, blacksmithing . . . . .	55 47
Dr. A. G. Walker, veterinary . . . . .	3 00
John Chace, car fares paid . . . . .	54 15
John Chace, dynamite . . . . .	3 75
Joseph Canovan, stone work . . . . .	7 50
Frederick Standish, painting signs . . . . .	4 00
J. H. Vaughan, on bridge work . . . . .	12 00
Electric Light Co., stable light . . . . .	6 00
A. S. Buckman, driving well . . . . .	33 75

L. Dean, sledge handles . . . .	\$1 00
Smith & Hathaway, books . . . .	3 03
Edward Sisson, blacksmithing . . . .	4 15
L. B. Pratt, carting sand . . . .	6 25
C. P. Washburn, grain . . . .	30 72
Winslow Pratt estate, building for scales . .	10 00
T. G. Ford, blacksmithing . . . .	25 90
John Miller, water tanks . . . .	7 00
Dennis Perkins, pair of shoats . . . .	7 00
L. P. Thomas, plank and dynamite . . . .	11 86
B. Caswell, killing two hogs . . . .	3 50
S. N. Shiverick, concrete crossings and repairs, 1901,	89 00
S. N. Shiverick, roofing cart shed . . . .	14 40
S. N. Shiverick, freight on carts . . . .	7 70
S. N. Shiverick, freight on elevator . . . .	5 25
S. N. Shiverick, incidental account . . . .	26 62
S. N. Shiverick, for services, January 1, 1902,	
to January 1, 1903 . . . .	900 00
Paid State Treasurer on account State road .	71 76
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	\$17,007 26
Appropriation and credits . . . .	\$17,059 61
Expended . . . . .	17,007 26
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Balance . . . . .	\$52 35

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN TEAMS AND STABLE, JANUARY, 1902,  
TO JANUARY, 1903.

Hours worked by teams per pair, 7,064 hours;  
\$2.50 per day of nine hours; three pairs of  
horses, including hired team . . . . \$1,962 22

Grain and hay, January 1, estimated . . .	\$160 00
Received for manure . . . . .	20 25
Manure at stable . . . . .	20 00
Received of W. S. Barden, on cart . . .	20 00
Received for hogs . . . . .	65 19
Manure exchanged for stone . . . . .	21 00
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	\$2,268 66

#### MAINTENANCE OF TOWN TEAMS.

Paid M. H. Cushing & Co., grain and hay . .	\$375 06
E. O. Parker, grain . . . . .	101 13
Bryant & Soule, grain and hay . . .	269 65
C. P. Washburn, grain . . . . .	114 72
A. C. Cooseboom, shoeing . . . . .	50 45
T. G. Ford, shoeing . . . . .	25 90
Edward Sisson, shoeing . . . . .	4 15
Middleboro Harness Co. . . . .	12 10
Electric light . . . . .	6 00
Thomas T. Peirce estate, hay . . . .	200 00
C. E. Weston, grass . . . . .	50 00
Stable rent . . . . .	50 00
A. T. Eaton, use of horses for sprinkler .	165 00
Stable care of horses . . . . .	200 00
A. C. Norris, harness repairing, etc. . .	14 55
Ames Plow Co., two new carts . . . .	277 89
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	\$1,916 60
Balance in teams' favor, not including buying two new carts . . . . .	\$352 06

In 1900 the County Commissioners issued a decree to straighten Wareham street, necessitating the building of one and one-half miles of new road, beginning near the residence of John Carver and terminating near the residence of Mr. Wilbur. Three-fourths of a mile of the same was built in 1901, except gravelling or grading suitable for crushed stone. The past year the balance has nearly been completed suitable for macadamizing. In 1902 the State Commission was petitioned to grant an extension of the State Highway, and recognized the request by meeting the town half way in cost of building the above balance of three-fourths of a mile, and also an extension of one and one-half miles of macadamizing to be added to State road, including three-fourths of a mile of the new road. Cost, as estimated by State Commission, \$5,280 00.

Expended on the new section :

Joseph Canovan, stone work	.	.	.	\$7 50
Teams and labor	.	.	.	1,038 87
L. P. Thomas, dynamite, etc.	.	.	.	11 76
J. Chace, car fares for help	.	.	.	29 10
J. Chace, dynamite	.	.	.	3 75
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				\$1,090 98

Expended on old Wareham street, from end of present State road to beginning of new section, including cost of driven well, setting up scales and moving :

Lumber	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$22 48
Teams and labor	.	.	.	.	.	.	453 39



E. W. Thomas, 372 loads gravel . . . .	\$22 32
J. Chace, car fares for help . . . .	15 05
Amos Buckman, driven well . . . .	33 75
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Total expended on Wareham street . .	\$546 99
Total expended on the new section . .	1,090 98
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	\$1,637 97

The above macadamizing to be finished in June.

#### STREET WATERING.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,200 00
Received for same . . . . .	1,288 20

#### BRIDGES.

In October, 1901, John McCormick was given a contract to rebuild Water street bridge. It was done satisfactorily.

Paid on same to January 1st, 1902 . .	\$1,100 00
Paid since as balance . . . . .	634 26
Paid M. O. Rounseville for cement . .	62 50
Received for stone furnished, lumber, iron work and cost of building railing, etc. . .	532 30
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	\$2,329 06

One-half of the above has been paid to the town by M. W. & B. B. Street Railway Co.

The planking on the turnpike bridge is poor and will be relaid this spring.

## MACADAMIZING OF ROADS.

We were fortunate during the past season in having a much appreciated gift of one-half mile of macadam road of the first quality by the Peirce trustees, extending from Grove street to the Lakeville State road, on South Main street. Centre street was extended from Cambridge street to the railroad bridge. Water street was macadamized from Benton street to A. Caswell's on Barden Hill. Plymouth street, Everett street, Montello street and numerous other streets received more or less repairs with stone, using about three thousand and fifty tons.

## VALUATION OF HIGHWAY PROPERTY, 1903.

1 lot of land on Centre street . . . . .	\$1,200 00
1 shed on Centre street . . . . .	15 00
1 lot of stone on Centre street . . . . .	100 00
1 sprinkling cart . . . . .	325 00
1 sprinkling cart . . . . .	200 00
1 sprinkling cart and wagon . . . . .	100 00
4 horses, carts and harnesses . . . . .	1,200 00
1 cart . . . . .	40 00
3 road scrapers . . . . .	600 00
1 tool cart . . . . .	12 00
1 stone drag . . . . .	15 00
1 Watson wagon . . . . .	165 00
1 heavy harrow . . . . .	15 00
5 plows . . . . .	50 00



40 feet steel chain . . . . .	\$15 00
1 crushing plant . . . . .	2,000 00
1 steam roller . . . . .	2,500 00
12 snow plows . . . . .	225 00
12 street cranes . . . . .	300 00
Steel beams, lumber, etc. . . . .	75 00
Rope, chains, tools, etc. . . . .	100 00
Town stable and land . . . . .	2,000 00
1 bin, screen and elevator . . . . .	350 00
Stone on hand . . . . .	600 00
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	\$12,202 00

Thanks to assistants.

Respectfully yours,

S. N. SHIVERICK,

*Superintendent of Streets.*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

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*Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

I report the annual inspection ordered by the Cattle Commission during October and November.

Visited 196 herds and inspected 670 head of neat cattle.

During the year have killed and buried three horses affected with glanders and one cow with tuberculosis.

At the time of the outbreak of "foot and mouth" disease in this section, quarantined a number of herds where owners had bought animals from infected districts, but, fortunately, none developed the disease.

C. P. KEITH,

*Inspector.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

## Cash received :

Balance on hand January 1, 1902 . . . .	\$170 77
From town treasurer on appropriation account and from other sources . . . .	9,974 26
From farm produce sold . . . .	646 86
	<u>\$10,791 89</u>

## Paid :

Expenses at farm . . . .	\$2,941 57
Expenses of insane . . . .	2,292 08
Expenses of outside poor . . . .	2,226 46
Settlements here, residing elsewhere, . . . .	1,061 51
Settlements elsewhere, residing here, . . . .	1,166 21
Expense account . . . .	193 75
Salary account . . . .	1,267 00
	<u>11,148 58</u>
Balance overdrawn . . . .	<u>\$356 69</u>

## EXPENSES OF INSANE.

Worcester Insane Hospital . . . .	\$169 46
Westboro Insane Hospital . . . .	338 91

Medfield Insane Hospital . . . .	\$292 00
Taunton Insane Hospital . . . .	802 01
Waverly School for Feeble Minded . .	338 90
State Farm . . . . .	292 00
Boarding in private families . . . .	58 80
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	\$2,292 08

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Expenses of overseers out of town on account of paupers . . . . .	\$8 85
Telephone, books, stationery, blanks, postage, etc.,	64 90
Premiums on renewed insurance on farm buildings,	120 00
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	\$193 75

## SALARY ACCOUNT.

Overseers of the poor, services one year . .	\$492 00
Superintendent and matron, services one year .	600 00
Town physician, services one year . . . .	175 00
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	\$1,267 00

Number in almshouse January 1, 1902,	20
died during year . . . .	1
discharged during year . . . .	4
admitted during year . . . .	4
in almshouse January 1, 1903,	19
of tramps lodged during year,	160

Real estate, January 1, 1903 . . . .	\$13,900 00
Personal property, January 1, 1903 . . . .	3,788 65

The number of nature's noblemen making pedestrianary excursions through our town, and usually calling on us for entertainment at our Waldorf-Astoria annex, has decreased from 406 in 1901 to 160 in 1902. This may be owing to their distaste for the dainty refreshments served them, or the balmy breezes from the Nemasket may prove too trying for their constitutions. However, we hope that for the ensuing year they may continue to find fresh fields and pastures new for their peregrinations, and meanwhile leave us to bear our loss with fortitude and resignation.

SYLVANUS MENDALL,

ALVAN P. VAUGHAN,

ANDREW M. WOOD,

*Overseers of the Poor.*



## TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

From March, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

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Allow me to call your attention to the shade trees in the streets, and those bordering on the streets, under the jurisdiction of the tree warden.

There are over one thousand elm trees in the fire district, and about as many more outside of the district.

On the elms we have done most of our work, spraying six hundred and ninety-two trees with one pump, and trimming the dead limbs from them. We also trimmed some of the maples, as we had many complaints about the limbs obstructing the sidewalks. They ought to be attended to the coming year, as our appropriation would not allow us to do the work thoroughly. Then we had to go here and there, as the work demanded.

Nearly all the trees in town need thorough trimming. There are many dead branches among them, which have been injured by chafing by electric light wires which have not been properly insulated, or by other causes. They are becoming a source of danger to our townspeople and ought to be attended to at once, as it will save expense later. As there was no appropriation for this work, I used the money earned for private work for this purpose.

In order to spray the trees, I had to purchase a spraying



outfit — ladders and hose. I purchased one double-acting spraying pump, two 40-foot and one 20-foot extension ladders, spraying hose and other smaller articles.

The spraying outfit was satisfactory, but it was impossible to spray the trees fast enough with one pump, and I don't think we could spray all the trees in town with two pumps. However, we saved the foliage on nearly all we sprayed, not losing one per cent.

A careful observer would notice that the leaves of many trees were somewhat eaten. A few elms, for which the beetles had a special liking, and occasional branches which it was impossible to reach with the insecticide, became partially defoliated. A few trees sprayed just before a shower ought to have been resprayed, but time and money forbade. Otherwise the trees we sprayed remained green throughout the season. It is doubtful if a casual observer noticed that the foliage was eaten, unless, perchance, they passed some of the defoliated trees that had not been sprayed.

About the first of June we began spraying and trimming all the elms on the streets and in the yards of private places until the money was expended. We could not have sprayed many more with one pump if we had more money, for the beetles had gotten the best of us.

It is probable that a thorough spraying of the trees will be necessary the coming season, and this work should be extended to all elms in the infected district. The enemy is relentless, and will make use of every safe spot to reinforce its numbers.

I wish to thank the managers of the electric light and the

electric roads for their assistance in removing wire and insulators from the limbs the past season, and will call for better work in the future.

In regard to electric poles, they ought not to be allowed to set them within six feet of the trees, or cut roots and branches without permission from the tree warden, and I have not allowed them to do it the past year.

The ravages of storms and other causes injure or destroy some trees every year, and I would recommend the town to purchase a few trees from time to time to replace those destroyed and removed, such trees to be placed on private lands with the permission of the owners. I have not allowed any trees to be placed on the streets the past year.

I received the following petitions for the removal of trees :

One oak tree on sidewalk in the centre of Maple avenue, posted in 1901. Removed March 18, 1902.

March 20, 1902, petition from Mrs. Lois Ryder and others for the removal of an elm tree on Elm street. Removed March 27, 1902.

April 23, 1902, on petition of E. B. Cole and others for the removal of two elm trees on Forest street. Removed one April 23, 1902.

April 30, 1902, on petition of John Robinson for removal of an elm on School street. Removed May 1, 1902.

August 22, 1902, on petition of H. L. Thatcher to remove an elm on the corner of Main and Webster streets. I have condemned said tree and it ought to be removed the coming year.

Received a complaint from Rock that a buttonwood tree in

the sidewalk in front of Mr. Cushman's house, Rock village, was dangerous to the public travel, as it stood within two feet of the electric car. One lady was struck by an electric car while passing by the tree. I thought it ought to be removed, and did so December 4, 1902, without posting beforehand.

I have a petition from E. F. H. Stevens, Everett street, for the removal of a maple tree. It is not posted as yet, but will do so later on.

I want to call your attention to the trees in North Middleboro that ought to be attended to the coming year. Some need removing and others need trimming.

In the appropriation last year no provision for the tree warden's salary was made. I would recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated for spraying, planting and trimming trees, not including tree warden's salary.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who so kindly assisted us in our work the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. BAILEY,

*Tree Warden.*

#### ACCOUNT OF TREE WARDEN.

Received for chopping blocks . . .	\$2 80
Received of L. S. Bailey, money advanced, . . .	4 70
Received for spraying trees . . .	16 85
Received for old spraying pump . . .	8 00

Received of T. S. Phinney, academy lot,	\$31 25	
Received of Mrs. H. O. Pierce . . . . .	5 80	
Received of F. L. Barrows . . . . .	6 90	
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Appropriation . . . . .		500 00
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		\$576 30
Paid C. W. H. Moulton & Co. . . . .	\$34 00	
Paid freight and carting . . . . .	7 46	
Paid J. & G. E. Doane . . . . .	10 95	
Paid C. W. Maxim . . . . .	7 30	
Paid Bowker Chemical Co. . . . .	160 35	
Paid Baxter . . . . .	7 97	
Paid J. Hurley . . . . .	4 30	
Paid insecticides . . . . .	31 41	
Paid team . . . . .	17 79	
Paid painting . . . . .	2 35	
Paid labor, per time book . . . . .	288 72	
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Balance . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$3 70

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

3 ladders . . . . .	\$26 00
1 pump . . . . .	40 00
1 pump . . . . .	4 00
Hogshead banjo spray pole . . . . .	1 00
Insecticide . . . . .	4 00
Clippers, rope, pole and scales . . . . .	2 00
Copper wire hose pliers . . . . .	1 50
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	\$78 50



# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

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*Amos H. Eaton, Collector,*

*In Account with the Town of Middleboro.*

DR.

Balance of 1898 tax, as by report of 1901	.	\$39 21
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CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	.	.	.	\$39 21
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DR.

Balance of 1899 tax, as by report of 1901,	\$1,321 98
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CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	.	.	\$1,257 62
Remitted	.	.	.	.	64 36
					<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></div> \$1,321 98

DR.

Balance of 1900 tax, as by report of 1901,	\$4,724 49
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CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	.	\$1,967 01
Remitted	.	.	.	122 66
Uncollected	.	.	.	2,634 82
				<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></div> \$4,724 49

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DR.

Balance of 1901 tax, as by report of 1901, \$14,846 37

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	\$10,642 29	
Remitted	.	.	537 50	
Uncollected	.	.	3,666 58	
			<hr/>	\$14,846 37

DR.

Taxes committed September 1, 1902, \$80,647 21

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	\$63,994 56	
Cash on hand	.	.	1,140 14	
Remitted	.	.	269 59	
Uncollected	.	.	15,242 92	
			<hr/>	\$80,647 21

#### STREET SPRINKLING TAX.

DR.

Balance of 1899 tax, as by report 1901, \$13 46

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	\$9 28	
Remitted	.	.	4 18	
			<hr/>	\$13 46

DR.

Balance of 1900 tax, as by report 1901, \$32 47

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	\$16 39	
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Remitted . . . . .	\$1 05	
Uncollected . . . . .	15 03	
	<hr/>	\$32 47

## DR.

Balance of 1901 tax, as by report 1901,	\$148 63
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## CR.

Cash paid Treasurer . . . . .	\$75 77	
Remitted . . . . .	10 05	
Uncollected . . . . .	62 81	
	<hr/>	\$148 63

## DR.

Tax of 1902 . . . . .	\$719 70
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## CR.

Cash paid Treasurer . . . . .	\$587 29	
Remitted . . . . .		
Uncollected . . . . .	132 41	
	<hr/>	\$719 71

## COLLECTOR'S CASH ACCOUNT.

*Amos H. Eaton, Collector,*

*In Account with the Treasurer.*

## DR.

Received for street sprinkling tax . . . . .	\$688 72	
Interest . . . . .	784 81	
Bank tax . . . . .	135 00	
Town taxes . . . . .	79,040 83	
	<hr/>	\$80,649 36

Cr.

Paid Treasurer . . .	\$79,509 22	
Cash on hand and in bank . .	1,140 14	
	<hr/>	\$80,649 36

AMOS H. EATON,  
*Collector of Taxes.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*Amos H. Eaton, Treasurer,*

*In account with the Town of Middleboro.*

### RECEIVED.

On hand December 31, 1901 . . . . .	\$3,575 92
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, corporation tax . . . . .	5,040 10
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, bank tax . . . . .	1,549 93
Rent of Town Hall . . . . .	1,251 92
On account of Highways . . . . .	5,776 81
Acme Machine Co. . . . .	\$12 00
M. W. & B. B. St. R. Co. . . . .	2,448 23
Wylie Bros. . . . .	7 00
O. C. St. R. Co. . . . .	873 66
Charles E. Leonard . . . . .	8 00
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer . . . . .	1,898 59
Thomas & Connor . . . . .	8 00
D. C. Riordan . . . . .	2 60
W. S. Barden . . . . .	20 00
Trustees Pierce Estate . . . . .	320 31
E. Taunton St. R. Co. . . . .	73 57
S. Mass. Telephone Co. . . . .	14 91
Harris Greene . . . . .	4 50
A. M. Peckham . . . . .	65 19

Paul Mota . . . . .	\$18 00	
John Caples . . . . .	2 25	
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On account of schools . . . . .		\$1,377 00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co. . . . .	82 24	
Charles H. Bates, Superintendent,	107 00	
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer . . . . .	353 00	
City of Boston . . . . .	38 00	
Town of Raynham . . . . .	40 00	
Town of Freetown . . . . .	115 00	
Town of Rochester . . . . .	40 00	
Town of Lakeville . . . . .	660 00	
S. T. Nelson . . . . .	24 00	
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H. S. Porter, sheriff, fines . . . . .		50 00
Five sewer permits . . . . .		125 00
Interest . . . . .		130 46
On account of soldiers' relief . . . . .		375 25
City of Waltham . . . . .	\$235 25	
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer . . . . .	140 00	
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S. S. Lovell, Sealer of Weights and Measures . . . . .		16 57
Board of Health . . . . .		207 36
George Soule, undertaker . . . . .	\$5 00	
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer . . . . .	202 36	
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E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, military aid . . . . .		867 00
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, State aid . . . . .		5,019 00
Municipal light manager . . . . .		12,491 00
Temporary loan . . . . .		41,500 00
Cemetery trust fund . . . . .		1,003 47

Herring account . . . . .	\$316 00
Towns down the river . . . . .	\$110 00
C. N. Simmons, for herring . . . . .	206 00
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Fourth District Court, fines . . . . .	542 10
Albert Davis, treasurer, dog licenses . . . . .	909 51
Licenses for library . . . . .	52 00
Collector for taxes . . . . .	79,509 22
Towns and persons for support of poor . . . . .	1,440 72
Work done by tree warden . . . . .	76 30
W. H.-Southworth, Soule street schoolhouse . . . . .	25 50
Settees sold . . . . .	1 00
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	\$163,311 38

## PAID.

E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, State tax . . . . .	\$22 05
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, national bank tax . . . . .	146 12
Orders of Selectmen for Town Hall . . . . .	1,273 55
Orders of Selectmen for highways . . . . .	16,942 50
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, highways . . . . .	71 76
Orders of School Committee, schools . . . . .	25,823 30
Orders of Selectmen, police . . . . .	1,427 02
Orders of Selectmen, town officers . . . . .	2,503 44
Orders of Selectmen, sewers . . . . .	63 00
Orders of committee, town history . . . . .	81 87
Library, Pratt Fund interest . . . . .	400 00
Salem Bank, railroad loan interest . . . . .	800 00
Banks, interest . . . . .	3,039 10
Orders of Selectmen, soldiers' relief . . . . .	4,401 82



Orders of Selectmen, incidentals . . .	\$2,772 36
and Board of Health . . .	503 25
Military aid . . .	1,435 00
State aid . . .	5,480 00
Municipal Light Board . . .	18,425 43
Temporary loan . . . . .	40,000 00
Middleboro Savings Bank, cemetery trust funds, . . .	500 00
Orders, cemetery trust funds . . . . .	298 98
Orders, herring account . . . . .	198 86
Orders, 4th District Court . . . . .	266 38
Joseph E. Beals, treasurer, library . . . . .	961 51
Alvin C. Howes, moderator . . . . .	15 00
Joseph E. Beals, superintendent water supply . . .	1,500 00
E. S. Bradford, Treasurer, grade crossings . . .	5,341 55
Post 8, G. A. R. . . . .	200 00
Orders, Municipal Light Board, new engine . . .	659 19
Albert Davis, treasurer, county tax . . . . .	4,689 80
Orders of Overseers of Poor . . . . .	9,974 26
Selectmen, tree warden . . . . .	572 60
School Committee, Pleasant street house, . . .	2,194 69
School Committee, Soule street house, . . .	2,061 41
committee, drainage . . . . .	2,986 50
Cash on hand . . . . .	3,136 13
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	\$163,311 38

### CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

The Treasurer has on deposit in the Middleboro Savings Bank, "to be held in trust forever, the interest only to be

expended," the following, as shown by the bank books in his possession.

The books show the amounts as they stand after the October interest has been credited, and the full amounts expended to December 31, 1902, have been drawn.

#### CENTRAL CEMETERY.

	Endowment.	Interest.
Mrs. Sarah E. Bartlett . . .	\$100 00	\$4 24
Samuel S. Bourne . . .	100 00	7 40
Andrew J. Bisbee . . .	100 00	4 00
Richard Cox . . .	25 00	
Lydia B. Cushing . . .	50 00	1 38
William L. Dean . . .	100 00	19 20
Mary E. Drake . . .	100 00	6 52
N. N. Fenno . . .	100 00	7 16
S. B. Gibbs . . .	100 00	1 04
P. B. Holmes . . .	100 00	23 22
Jacob Johnson . . .	75 00	2 66
B. F. Jones . . .	100 00	2 64
C. D. Kingman . . .	100 00	5 08
S. B. Osborne . . .	100 00	3 70
Joseph L. Pease . . .	100 00	5 20
Aaron Raymond, lot 229 . . .	100 00	5 84
E. Robinson . . .	200 00	1 36
William Shiverick . . .	150 00	4 78
Reuben T. Taylor . . .	100 00	2 38
—— Tinkham, lot No. 6 . . .	60 00	1 26
B. F. Tripp . . .	100 00	

Ward lot, No. 110	.	.	.	\$100 00	\$1 76
Azel Washburn	.	.	.	100 00	6 80
Chauncy D. White	.	.	.	100 00	2 00

## In Nemasket Hill Cemetery :

Joshua M. Eddy	.	.	.	\$100 00	\$18 11
Austin Ford	.	.	.	50 00	66
Henry F. Pope	.	.	.	100 00	
Sophronia L. Reed	.	.	.	50 00	11 06
Rhoda J. Savery	.	.	.	100 00	6 24
Charles Soule	.	.	.	100 00	7 70
Edmund Thompson	.	.	.	50 00	8 98
Oliver H. Thompson	.	.	.	100 00	3 24
Thomas Weston and others	.	.	.	150 00	11 91
Benjamin P. Wood	.	.	.	100 00	30 57
Cornelius B. Wood	.	.	.	150 00	5 60
Mrs. Ellen T. Wood	.	.	.	31 48	3 47
Priscilla Wood	.	.	.	50 00	20 38
Thomas Wood	.	.	.	100 00	24 60

## In Rock Cemetery :

C. N. Atwood	.	.	.	\$100 00	
Deborah Carver	.	.	.	100 00	3 02
Julia S. Cobb	.	.	.	100 00	4 70
Sylvester F. Cobb	.	.	.	100 00	3 08
C. F. Cushman	.	.	.	176 75	6 20
H. N. Thomas and family and W. O.					
Barrows and family	.	.	.	1,000 00	6 76

## In North Middleboro Cemetery :

Jared Pratt . . . . .	\$150 00	\$26 39
E. Robinson (Alfred Eaton lot) . . . . .	100 00	68
Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows, . . . . .	150 00	39 80

## In the Cemetery at the Green :

J. B. and I. H. Thompson . . . . .	\$100 00	\$32 02
Lydia R. Thompson . . . . .	100 00	3 59

## In Thomastown Cemetery :

Atwood lot . . . . .	\$100 00	\$12 92
Eleazer Thomas . . . . .	100 00	7 18
Thomastown Cemetery . . . . .	75 00	3 02

## In Wappanucket Cemetery :

Benjamin Richmond lot in particular and the whole cemetery . . . . .	\$400 00	\$42 75
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## In Fall Brook Cemetery :

Atwood and Thomas lots . . . . .	\$200 00	
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	\$6,643 23	\$478 04

The care of the lots in the Central and Nemasket Hill Cemeteries is in the hands of the respective trustees. The lots in the unincorporated cemeteries are cared for by persons selected, in some cases by the lot owners, in others by the selectmen.

AMOS H. EATON,  
*Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ENOCH PRATT FUND.

1902.	DR.	
Jan. 1.	Notes of Town of Middle-	
	boro . . . . .	\$10,000 00
	Interest from Municipal light	
	loan . . . . .	48 00
	Interest from Town Treasurer,	352 00
		————— \$10,400 00

	CR.	
Dec. 31.	Notes of Town of Middle-	
	boro . . . . .	\$10,000 00
	Paid Joseph E. Beals, Treas-	
	urer Public Library . . . . .	400 00
		————— \$10,400 00

AMOS H. EATON,  
*Treasurer Enoch Pratt Fund.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

1902.	DR.	
Oct. 31.	Cash received from Town	
	Treasurer . . . . .	\$1,500 00



CR.

Cash paid Estabrook &		
Co., bond No. 12 . .	\$1,000 00	
Cash paid Estabrook &		
Co., bond No. 13 . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00

AMOS H. EATON,  
*Treasurer Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund.*

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
January, 1903.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen, — The Library has been open 304 days during 1902 from 2 until 8 P.M. The number of books given out is 27,934, which is the largest in any year since the opening of the Library. They are classified as follows: Essays and poetry, 408; biography, 486; history, 344, scientific, 541; religious, 159; travels, 963; fiction, 18,033; bound volumes of magazines, 480; unclassified, 271. The juvenile readers have drawn 6249 volumes. No record is kept of books taken for use in the Library nor of visitors to the reading room.

The largest monthly circulation was in December,—2727, and the smallest was in June,—1932. The largest daily circulation was 217, on Saturday, December 6, and the smallest was 19, on July 16.

Seven hundred thirty-six books have been added during the year and the Library now contains 9477 volumes exclu-

sive of State documents and pamphlets which have not been fully catalogued; 338 volumes have been rebound, including magazines, and 32 volumes are now laid aside to be replaced by new ones as soon as possible. There have been 648 new applications for cards.

Among the noteworthy reference books purchased are the International Cyclopædia of 15 volumes, 10 volumes of Modern Eloquence, edited by the late Thomas B. Reed, Harper's Encyclopædia of U. S. History of 10 volumes, History of the American People, 5 volumes, by Woodrow Wilson, and Dr. Marsh's Theraurus Dictionary. These, together with other valuable works of reference, are, from lack of space, on the shelves of the book-stacks rather than in cases outside where the public could more readily reach them, but the attendants will at any time be pleased to pass them out for inspection. We also have the complete works of the late John Fiske.

The following books have been donated to the Library during the year:

A treatise on pruning forest and ornamental trees, by Des Cars: a gift of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture.

Memorial — William Henry Haile.

Pioneers of Massachusetts, by Charles Henry Pope, given by "One who loves to give."

La Reliure de Luxe, by L. Derome, and New Tales of Old Rome, by Rodolfo Lanciani, both given by Mrs. Julia H. Copeland.

History of Malden, Mass., by Deloraine Pendre Corey, gift of the author.

Lawson's History of the America's cup, by Winfield M. Thompson and Thomas W. Lawson, given by Thomas W. Lawson.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors, Volume X. ; Vital Records of Walpole, Pelham, and Princeton, Mass., presented by the Secretary of State.

Life of Henry L. Planty, by Smith G. Hutchinson, given by the author.

Two volumes of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, with the index volume ; 12 volumes of State Reports ; Journals of House and Senate ; the Legislative Manual and other documents.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

*Librarian.*

Middleboro, Mass., January 1, 1903.

The report of the Librarian gives the work of the Library for the year.

Miss Alice M. Alden has done most of the work on cataloguing during the year. Misses Florence A. Robinson and Marion K. Tillson have acted as assistants as their services have been required.

The Trustees have secured a lot for the new library building and placed the contract for building with Mr. W. H. Wardwell of Brockton. After having the foundation well laid, labor troubles and the approach of winter seemed to make it advisable to suspend the work for the winter. The



walls were covered to protect them from frost and snow. The contractor assures us that he shall push along the work as soon as the weather will permit. Mr. Frederic N. Reed, of New York, is employed as the architect and Mr. Winthrop Alexander, of Brockton and Boston, is the inspector of the work. The work thus far has been very satisfactorily done. Mr. C. H. Sylvester has the sub-contract for the mason work.

Before moving into the new building it is considered advisable that the books shall be re-catalogued under new and "up-to-date" methods. Arrangements have been made with a competent person to take charge of the work, which of course, will involve some expense. There will be some extra expense in moving into the new building and larger expense of running than in the past. For these reasons we have by practising careful economy in expenditures tried to save as much as possible of our appropriation to pay the largely increased expenses we may expect the coming year. We hope to do this with the increased sum at our disposal this year, resulting from these savings, added to the regular appropriation of "dog money" and "other licenses."

A vote of the town requires an inventory of the property of each of its departments. Without any effort at appraisal, as the value depends so much upon varying conditions, we give the following as the property of the Library :

1900 feet of book racks and shelving.

45 feet of counter and rail.

1 librarian's desk and one folding screen.

1 set-bowl and fixtures.



1 long reading table, 2 small tables.

2 librarian's chairs, 12 reading room chairs, 4 settees.

2 revolving bookcases, 1 map rack.

3 card-catalogue cases, containing cards of all books in the Library, one arranged by authors and one by titles and one not in use.

1 case with roller shelves for maps and large books.

Blank cards, application slips, call slips and other blanks, a supply sufficient for present purposes.

One year's numbers of the magazine list, to be bound and placed in the general catalogue.

About 10,500 volumes of books, including those not catalogued.

Insurance is carried to the amount of \$3,500 on books and \$500 on furniture, fixtures, etc.

The following periodicals may be found regularly on the reading room table :

Amateur Work,	Eclectic Magazine,
American Boy,	Education,
Art Interchange,	Engineering Magazine (N.Y.)
Atlantic Monthly,	Everybody's Magazine,
Biblia,	Forum,
Book Keeper,	Frank Leslie's Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Good Housekeeping,
Club Woman,	Great Round World,
Cosmopolitan,	Harper's Monthly Magazine,
Country Life ( N. Y.),	House Beautiful,
Current Literature,	Independent,
Delineator,	International Quarterly,

Life,	Popular Science Monthly,
Lippincott's Magazine,	Protectionist,
Manifesto,	Public Opinion,
Mayflower Descendant,	Review of Reviews,
McClure's Magazine,	St. Nicholas,
New England Homestead,	Scientific American,
New England Magazine,	Scientific American Supple-
North American Review,	ment,
Outing,	Scientific American Builder's
Outlook,	Edition,
Overland Monthly,	Scribner's Magazine,
Photo Beacon,	Success,
Photographic Times,	World's Work.

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## REPORT OF TREASURER, PUBLIC LIBRARY, FOR 1902.

### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1902 . . . . .	\$175 34
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money" . . . . .	\$909 51.
Received from Town Treasurer, "other licenses" . . . . .	52 00
Received from "Enoch Pratt Fund,"	400 00
Received for fines, etc., at Library, .	36 50
Received for interest on deposits, .	4 30
	<hr/> 1,402 31
	<hr/> \$1,577 65

Paid for books and papers before April,	\$91 03	
for binding and rebinding . . . . .	75 45	
express bills . . . . .	2 30	
printing . . . . .	7 75	
A. K. Thatcher, librarian . . . . .	300 00	
Alice M. Alden, assistant . . . . .	89 10	
Marion K. Tillson, assistant . . . . .	15 60	
Florence A. Robinson, assistant,	14 15	
Smith & Hathaway, sundry sup-		
plies . . . . .	5 10	
Library of Congress, printed		
cards . . . . .	5 00	
postage, post office box, etc., etc.	20 00	
Balance to new account . . . . .	952 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,577 65

#### PEIRCE BOOK FUND.

1902 .

April. Received from Peirce trustees . . . . .	\$264 17
October. Received from Peirce trustees . . . . .	987 50
Received from books sold and errors	
in bills . . . . .	3 65
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	\$1,255 32

April 1st to December 31st, 1902: Paid on  
book and periodical account as follows:

Paid for books . . . . .	\$945 23
periodicals . . . . .	82 50

Paid for binding . . . . .	\$63 54	
express and carting . . . . .	9 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,100 72
Balance on hand January 1, 1903 .		<hr/> \$154 60

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1902-3.

Calvin D. Kingman, President . . . . .	Term expires 1905
W. H. Southworth . . . . .	" 1905
Nathan Washburn . . . . .	" 1905
George Brayton . . . . .	" 1904
Edward S. Hathaway . . . . .	" 1904
Andrew M. Wood . . . . .	" 1904
David G. Pratt . . . . .	" 1903
Warren B. Stetson . . . . .	" 1903
Joseph E. Beals, Secretary . . . . .	" 1903

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Again as the cycle of time speeds its onward way, we, the servants of the town, are called upon to make our annual reports.

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There have been reported to the Board thirty-four cases of contagious diseases this year; there have been five cases of typhoid fever reported and two deaths from diphtheria. The usual precautions have been used to stop the spread of such diseases, with very good results, but, as usual, the health of a community depends largely upon the care and actions of the families when quarantined. If lived up to, the work of the Board in some cases would be much more satisfactory, but in some families they seem to be determined to go out to the stores to attend a "mark down sale."

We have had one case of smallpox, but were fortunate in having it occur in a city where they were prepared to care for it with small expense, as compared with our expenses at home. The expense was three hundred and forty dollars, which amount will be called for in an apportionment for the City of Brockton.

If each property owner would see to it that his tenements and their surroundings are kept in a clean condition it would



greatly aid the work of the Board. Cesspools are allowed to run back into cellars, and when the owners are notified they are slow to look or attend to the matter.

The schoolhouses have been fumigated as often as needed, and is considered of much benefit.

#### CARE OF OUR GUTTERS.

The care of our gutters is a subject that should be attended to in the future, as the safety of the health of any village relies largely in the cleanness of its gutters. It would be a profitable thing for the town to own and have a one-horse street sweeper, as a matter of not only health but economy and a good investment. The leaves will fall and remain in the gutters all winter and will hold much filth to accumulate and decay in spite of the work that is now being done. The subject is a new one and will have to be agitated before an article can be put in the warrant, with safety, for a one-horse street sweeper.

#### MILK.

Much complaint has been made to the Board as to the milk consumed in this village, and it was deemed advisable to inspect the barns and the care of the milk, which is now being done but not completed. Enough has been done to show that there is some fault at both ends of the route and families taking milk will fail to set out their can and take another. The writer has found cases with as many as nine cans at one house where but one is left daily, and the stopple in the can unwashed,—yet people wonder milk is poor. An article of

food so much needed should be looked after at both ends of the route, but with clean barns and clean cows, clean milk pails, clean cans and clean milk men much complaint would cease.

J. A. BURGESS,  
*Clerk and Agent.*

Below are the expenses for the year; also some expenses incurred in 1901:

Whitman & Sparrow, for goods furnished small-	
pox cases in 1900 . . . . .	\$3 75
E. O. Parker, lime . . . . .	1 50
M. M. Copeland, printing . . . . .	26 50
Wood & Tinkham, printing . . . . .	16 75
M. H. Cushing Co., lime . . . . .	1 30
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	\$49 80

#### BILLS OF 1901.

Nathaniel Allen, for cleaning watering-troughs,	\$1 00
John D. O'Sullivan, for labor . . . . .	8 50
Thomas W. Pierce, 1 broom . . . . .	75
James Wright, care public dump . . . . .	15 00
John McGrady, care public dump . . . . .	5 00
Otis Briggs, horse hire . . . . .	6 00
Mass. Telephone Co., from Sept. 14, 1901, to	
Nov. 1, 1902 . . . . .	31 67
M. H. Cushing Co., lime . . . . .	3 30
J. A. Burgess, services for 65½ days . . . . .	196 50
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	\$267 72

## Expenses in contagious diseases :

Melvin & Badger, formaldehyde . . . .	\$6 65
M. H. Cushing Co., goods furnished family of D. I. Vaughan . . . . .	1 18
Sylvanus Tinkham, burial of D. I. Vaughan's child . . . . .	3 40
J. F. Morgan, milk for D. I. Vaughan's family,	3 00
James A. Burgess, for services . . . .	123 50
James A. Burgess, for expenses . . . .	48 00
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	\$185 73
Total . . . . .	\$503 25

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Night soil cart . . . . .	\$55 00
Cart for cleaning gutters . . . . .	10 00
Formaldehyde lamp and fluid . . . . .	38 00
2 iron barrels and tools . . . . .	7 00
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	\$110 00

BERT J. ALLAN,  
 THOMAS S. HODGSON,  
 JAMES A. BURGESS,  
*Board of Health.*

## MILITARY AID.

A LIST OF THE NAMES OF PERSONS TO WHOM MILITARY  
AID HAS BEEN PAID DURING THE YEAR 1902  
AND THE SUM PAID TO EACH.

1. Lysander W. Field,	\$144 00	8. William F. Thompson,	\$168 00
2. Abiel Gibbs,	96 00	9. Jacob Wood,	144 00
3. Bernard Glancy,	96 00	10. Thomas E. Wilmot,	144 00
4. George Powers,	144 00	11. Daniel F. Wilbur,	120 00
5. George B. Leonard,	28 00	12. Joseph Williams,	36 00
6. William N. Shaw,	144 00	13. Charles A. Howes,	10 00
7. Alfred O. Standish,	144 00	14. Charles H. Morse,	12 00

## STATE AID.

A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS TO WHOM  
STATE AID HAS BEEN PAID DURING THE YEAR  
1902 AND THE AMOUNT PAID TO EACH.

1. Matilda J. Alden,	\$48 00	23. William W. Caswell,	\$48 00
2. Leander M. Alden,	32 00	24. Maria H. Clark,	44 00
3. Susan M. Alden,	24 00	25. Annie E. Churchill,	48 00
4. Eben H. Atwood,	72 00	26. Charles Cole,	60 00
5. John S. Atwood,	48 00	27. Job N. Cole,	72 00
6. Eliza A. Atwood,	48 00	28. Abbie D. Cole,	48 00
7. Hannah W. Bates,	48 00	29. William A. Coombs,	48 00
8. Alice Beaton,	48 00	30. Amy E. Copeland,	48 00
9. Sylvanus Bisbee,	72 00	31. Abbie Carl,	4 00
10. Alphonso Bliss,	72 00	32. Amos L. Dorr,	72 00
11. Julia Boardman,	48 00	33. Mary T. Dorr,	48 00
12. James W. Bryant,	48 00	34. Stephen D. Drew, Jr.,	20 00
13. William E. Bryant,	48 00	35. Mary Y. Dunham,	48 00
14. Benjamin W. Bump,	36 00	36. Henry A. Eaton,	72 00
15. William E. Bump,	48 00	37. Deborah F. Eaton,	48 00
16. Juliett H. Bump,	16 00	38. Peter Fagan,	72 00
17. Susan K. Butler,	48 00	39. Hannah Fagan,	48 00
18. Reuben A. Bumpus,	8 00	40. William L. Faxon,	72 00
19. James Blenkinsop,	12 00	41. George L. Finney,	30 00
20. William H. Carl,	48 00	42. Thomas W. Finney,	48 00
21. James Carter,	36 00	43. Thomas G. Gammons,	36 00
22. Mary L. Capen,	24 00	44. Charles F. Gibbs,	72 00



45. Benjamin R. Glidden,	\$48 00	82. Sarah J. Pittsley,	\$48 00
46. Maria S. Haines,	48 00	83. Lucius S. Raymond,	48 00
47. Simeon Harlow,	72 00	84. Marcus M. Raymond,	36 00
48. Stephen H. Hammond,	28 00	85. John Scanlan,	72 00
49. Harrison Haskins,	66 00	86. George H. Shaw, 2d,	72 00
50. Perley Haven,	48 00	87. William B. Shaw,	72 00
51. George H. Holmes,	54 00	88. Abby J. Soule,	24 00
52. Theodore P. Holmes,	62 00	89. William S. Staples,	72 00
53. Cyrus S. Howard,	48 00	90. George F. Sisson,	55 00
54. Alvin C. Howland,	48 00	91. Clarinda A. Sisson,	48 00
55. Charles A. Howes,	55 00	92. Joanna Shaw,	48 00
56. George H. Herman,	6 00	93. E. Howard Shaw,	24 00
57. Sarah C. Jefferson,	24 00	94. James Smith,	36 00
58. John B. Knowland,	48 00	95. Rodney E. Southworth,	30 00
59. Benjamin F. Lane,	48 00	96. Arad Thomas,	72 00
60. Eunice R. Lane,	48 00	97. Lucy Thomas,	48 00
61. Ira O. Littlejohn,	60 00	98. George Temple,	48 00
62. Abner Lucas,	72 00	99. George B. Tinkham,	72 00
63. William C. Litchfield,	48 00	100. James H. Tripp,	48 00
64. Mary A. Lyon,	48 00	101. Daniel Warren,	72 00
65. John R. Merrick,	48 00	102. Marshall A. Washburn,	48 00
66. Ezra Morse,	36 00	103. Edward S. Westgate,	48 00
67. Benjamin F. Mosher,	48 00	104. Dura T. Weston,	48 00
68. Charles Mitchell,	72 00	105. Sanford Weston,	72 00
69. Sylvanus Mendall,	48 00	106. Alden Whitman,	72 00
70. Rebecca F. Mendall,	48 00	107. David N. Wetherbee,	48 00
71. Artemus Morse,	60 00	108. Mary H. Wetherbee,	48 00
72. James E. McMann,	48 00	109. Ellen Leonard,	24 00
73. Lydia A. McMann,	48 00	110. Henry K. Ellis,	12 00
74. Charles H. Morse,	24 00	111. Truman E. Niles,	40 00
75. Hiram Nickerson,	39 00	112. Cordelia Pittsley,	4 00
76. Susan Norveille,	48 00	113. Charlotte A. Wilson,	40 00
77. Wilson Orr,	48 00	114. Abbie H. Eddy,	40 00
78. John J. Perkins,	48 00	115. Lydia C. Tripp,	32 00
79. Lucy Perkins,	36 00	116. Asa F. Crosby,	24 00
80. Joshua L. Perkins,	36 00	117. Calista Perkins,	6 00
81. Charles P. Pittsley,	72 00		



## REPORT OF THE WEST SIDE DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

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The committee found at the outset that they would not be able to make any satisfactory agreement with the owners of the land through which the drain passed, so we were obliged to ask the Selectmen to "take" the land.

Before going far in the work they found that there was more to be done than had been estimated upon and that the increased price of materials would make the cost more than the appropriation, but, as there was no chance then to back out, all that was left for us to do was to go ahead, which we did.

The appropriation was . . . . . \$3,000 00

We have drawn orders for :

Labor account . . . . .	\$2,023 89	
E. T. Lincoln, serving papers . . . . .	5 40	
Freight on material . . . . .	106 13	
Manchester & Hudson, cement . . . . .	250 00	
M. O. Rounseville, labor . . . . .	300 00	
Thomas W. Pierce, drain pipe . . . . .	199 75	
Sundry bills for lumber, sharpening tools, oil, etc., etc. . . . .	101 33	
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Total orders drawn . . . . .		2,986 50
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Balance undrawn . . . . .		\$13 50

There are bills now due :

Brick . . . . .	\$372 00
Cement . . . . .	73 37
Highway Department . . . . .	96 75
M. O. Rounseville . . . . .	84 55
C. H. Thomas . . . . .	80 50
P. H. Peirce Co. . . . .	2 25
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$709 42

A bill for engineering has not been presented. There may be a reduction on some of the above bills when settled.

In closing this report the committee wish to call the attention of people living on the line of this conduit to the fact that it is not a sewer but an outlet for surface drainage only.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,  
 LYMAN P. THOMAS,  
 BERT J. ALLAN,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT.

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*To the Honorable Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners :*

Gentlemen,— I respectfully herewith submit the ninth annual report of the financial and physical condition of the Middleboro Gas and Electric Plant. The sales of the year have exceeded those of any year since the town purchased the plant. The favorable results of the previous year have been continued, and the business has increased in a greater ratio than in any year before. This increase has been notwithstanding the fact that fuels, carbons, pipe and many of the wiring materials, etc., have been much higher than formerly. For instance, in the year 1901 there was paid for coal \$1,250.86, and in 1902 the same amount of coal cost \$1,556.87.

During the year there has been a decrease in the manufacturing account over the previous year, and the electric sales have increased by \$415.48. This goes to prove that the plant is reaching a more economical and profitable stage for the manufacture and sale of light.

The sales for the year have been : Gas, \$3,091.99 ; commercial incandescent, \$4,937.22; domestic incandescent,

\$1,918.19 ; commercial arc, \$1,378.50 ; jobbing, \$1,776.43, making a total of \$13,102.33.

The 5 per cent. discount which is allowed on all lighting bills if paid before the twentieth of the current month has been taken advantage of to the amount of \$455.13.

There are now 245 customers, 48 using gas only, 127 using electric only, and 70 using both gas and electric, an increase of 16 customers.

In consequence of the vote of the Board that all over four lights shall be metered, there have been added 20 electric meters. The installation of more will be made as soon as same can be purchased.

The number of electric customers has increased to such an extent that it is now necessary to run both engines and water during the early part of the night.

In the past year the plant's wires have been placed on about 100 of the Telephone Company's poles, which relieves the plant of the maintenance of same.

There have been replaced 245 street incandescent lamps from burned out or other causes, 128 of which were caused by lightning on the Titicut line last summer and an unknown cause on the Green circuit.

I wish to take this opportunity to express through the Board my thanks to those who have so kindly notified me of lamps burned out. We have endeavored to replace all reported or known to be out as soon as possible, but owing to the difficulty in procuring lamps on account of the large demand for them it may appear to some a lack of effort, but such is not the case.



The construction of some of the older fixtures is such that they are not waterproof, which they must be for the proper service of the lamp, and although lamps may be replaced within a few days after a storm, enough moisture may remain to put the new lamp out of service. These fixtures are now being replaced or made waterproof as soon as discovered.

The condition of the plant is good except the only remaining clutch of the original ones on the water plant, which must be replaced at an early date; also some minor repairs are needed on the large alternator.

On January 18, 1902, a break in the gas main at the corner of Water and Main Streets caused much expense and loss of gas. Owing to the fact that there were no shut-offs on the mains at the time outside of the one at the gas house, and 24 inches of frost in the ground, it was difficult to locate the leak.

The loss of gas on account of the leak computed from daily reports at that time and corresponding period of year before was 124,500 cubic feet. This gas, if sold at the price received for gas, would amount to \$342.38, which, together with the expense of labor and material used in locating leak and in putting in six shut-offs on the mains, which were necessary to enable us to locate leak, amounted to \$517.11. This break materially affected the showing of the plant for the past year.

The commercial and domestic lighting system run  $4,683\frac{3}{4}$  hours. The all-night arcs were lighted 308 nights and run  $2,276\frac{3}{4}$  hours. The 12 o'clock arcs were lighted 278 nights



and run 1,312½ hours. The series incandescent were lighted 277 nights and run 1,304 hours.

It may interest you to know what the cost of the above would be should the town have the streets lighted by a private plant at the average rate paid by other places taken from the report of the State Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners. Twelve o'clock arcs, 12 lamps, \$900; all-night arcs, 12 lamps, \$1,200; series lamps, 160 lamps, \$2,415; total, \$4,515.

The two gas engines contracted for with the Standard Automatic Gas Engine Company, mentioned in the report of last year; failed to fulfil the guarantee and the contract was cancelled.

On June 4th a contract was made with the Marinette Iron Works Company, through Holmes & Blanchard Company of Boston, for one 125 H. P. gas or gasoline engine. July 26th the engine was shipped and arrived here in good time; it was erected and has run every night but four, it not being required on those nights.

Like all new machines, it takes some time to get it in good working order, and although not entirely satisfactory as yet it is being improved, and by the time this report is in the hands of the citizens we expect the contract will be fulfilled.

Would also say that no payment has been made and none will be until entirely satisfactory.

Here follows an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31st, 1902.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1902.

1902.

Jan. 1.	Cash on hand in office . . . .	\$55 05
	Cash in Town Treasury, maintenance account . . . . .	71 83
	Cash in Town Treasury, sub. lighting appropriation . . . . .	19 50
	Cash in Town Treasury, gas engine appropriation . . . . .	5,207 72
Mar.	Appropriation . . . . .	6,150 00
Dec. 31.	Gas . . . . .	3,028 65
	Commercial incandescent . . . . .	4,676 06
	Domestic incandescent . . . . .	1,863 55
	Commercial arc . . . . .	1,319 77
	Jobbing . . . . .	1,547 82
	Scrap metal . . . . .	2 60
	Broken series lamp . . . . .	1 00
	Reels . . . . .	10 25
	Rebate on grain bill . . . . .	4 96
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		\$23,958 76
	Bond payment . . . . .	\$1,500 00
	Interest . . . . .	3,268 00
	Construction gas machinery . . . . .	28 15
	Construction gas bench . . . . .	2 25
	Construction gas meters . . . . .	78 59
	Construction gas engine . . . . .	659 19
	Construction electric lines . . . . .	301 26
	Construction arc lamps . . . . .	50 26

Construction transformers . . . .	\$25 21
Construction electric meters . . . .	109 33
Tools and appliances, gas . . . .	23 81
Suburban lighting . . . .	407 70
Wiring . . . .	2,123 37
Tools and appliances, electric . . . .	1 50
General office expense . . . .	378 42
Commissioners' salaries . . . .	150 00
Clerical salaries, gas . . . .	216 00
Stable account . . . .	254 16
Coal . . . .	2,037 19
General salaries, gas . . . .	500 00
Wages, gas station . . . .	529 15
Naptha . . . .	218 28
Fuel oil . . . .	1,376 37
Repair of works . . . .	167 71
Repair of services . . . .	238 08
Repair of meters . . . .	41 25
Town water . . . .	74 10
General salaries, electric . . . .	652 00
Clerical salaries, electric . . . .	216 00
Wages, station, electric . . . .	1,748 18
Wages, care of lights . . . .	277 90
Insurance . . . .	120 70
Wood . . . .	12 00
Carbons . . . .	110 51
Oil and waste . . . .	144 71
Repair steam plant . . . .	50 42
Repair electric plant . . . .	45 76

Repair water plant . . . . .	\$157 31
Repair lines and wires . . . . .	552 19
Repair arc lamps . . . . .	25 79
Repair series lamps . . . . .	147 27
Repair electric meters . . . . .	62 54
Repair gas engine . . . . .	2 00
Rebate on jobbing . . . . .	3 00

January 1, 1903 :

Balance maintenance account in Town Treasury,	58 16
Balance construction account in Town Treasury,	236 94
Balance sub. lighting appropriation . . . . .	11 80
Balance gas engine appropriation . . . . .	4,548 53
Cash on hand in office . . . . .	15 71
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	\$23,958 76

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PHILBROOK,

*General Manager and Superintendent.*

Believing that the foregoing report of the Manager includes all that may be said that is of interest to the citizens, we submit it as a joint report.

JOHN A. MILLER,

HENRY W. SEARS,

THOMAS S. HODGSON,

*Commissioners.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have examined the accounts of the several departments and committees of the town, also the vouchers for the amounts paid by the Treasurer have been compared with his accounts and agree with the same. The cash in the bank and on hand agrees with the amount of balance as shown by his books. There is this year, as there has been other years, a small indebtedness in a number of the departments, accountable to the fact that bills are not paid the year they are contracted owing to the lack of sufficient appropriation. For this reason it is difficult to determine the exact expense of the town for any fiscal year. This is something which can and ought to be remedied.

The Treasurer's books show :

Balance due January 1, 1902	.	.	.	\$3,575 92
Total receipts	.	.	.	159,735 46
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				\$163,311 38
Total expenditures	.	.	.	160,175 25
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Balance due from Treasurer Jan. 1, 1903,				\$3,136 13

The following is a statement of expenditures and receipts for the year ending December 31, 1902 :



## EXPENDITURES.

## For Highway Department :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$17,014 26	
Less receipts . . . . .	5,776 81	
	<u>          </u>	\$11,237 45

For town officers . . . . . 2,503 44

For incidentals . . . . . 2,772 36

For water supply . . . . . 1,500 00

## For school department :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$25,823 30	
Less receipts . . . . .	1,377 00	
	<u>          </u>	24,446 30

## For Town Hall :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$1,273 55	
Less rents . . . . .	1,251 92	
	<u>          </u>	21 63

## For soldiers' relief :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$4,401 82	
Less receipts . . . . .	375 25	
	<u>          </u>	4,026 57

For interest on loans . . . . . \$4,239 10

Less interest received . . . . .	130 46	
	<u>          </u>	4,108 64

## For police department :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$1,427 02	
Less fines, H. S. Porter . . . . .	50 00	
	<u>          </u>	1,377 02

## For Municipal Light Board :

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$18,425 43	
Less receipts . . . . .	12,491 00	
	<u>          </u>	5,934 43

For new engine . . . . .	\$659 19
For department of the poor :	
Total expenditures . . . . .	\$11,148 58
Less receipts . . . . .	2,087 58
	<hr/> 9,061 00
For Board of Health :	
Total expenditures . . . . .	\$503 25
Less receipts . . . . .	207 36
	<hr/> 295 89
For West End drainage . . . . .	2,986 50
For grade crossings . . . . .	5,341 55
For tree warden :	
Total expenditures . . . . .	\$572 60
Less receipts . . . . .	76 30
	<hr/> 496 30
For Pleasant Street schoolhouse . . . . .	2,194 69
For Soule schoolhouse . . . . .	2,035 91
For town history . . . . .	81 87
For G. A. R. Post 8 . . . . .	200 00
For moderator . . . . .	15 00
For State aid . . . . .	\$5,480 00
Less amount from State Treasurer, 5,019 00	
	<hr/> 461 00
For Military aid . . . . .	\$1,435 00
Less amount from State Treasurer, 867 00	
	<hr/> 568 00
For County tax . . . . .	4,689 80
For State tax . . . . .	2,205 00
Cemetery trust funds deposited in Middle-	
boro-Savings Bank . . . . .	500 00
Expended interest on Cemetery Trust funds,	298 98

For temporary loan repaid . . . . .	\$40,000 00
Balance due from Treasurer January 1, 1903 . .	3,136 13
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	\$133,154 65

#### RECEIPTS NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR.

From Collector of Taxes . . . . .	\$78,751 54
From Collector for interest on taxes overdue (to be credited to interest account) . . . . .	757 68
From State for corporation tax . . . . .	5,040 10
From State for national bank tax . .	\$1,549 93
Less bank tax refunded . . . . .	146 12
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	1,403 81
From 4th District Court, fines . . . . .	\$542 10
Less orders drawn . . . . .	226 38
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	315 72
(To be credited to Police Dept., \$315.72.)	
From herring . . . . .	\$316 00
Less amount paid . . . . .	198 86
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	117 14
From sewer permits . . . . .	\$125 00
Less amounts paid . . . . .	63 00
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	62 00
From licenses . . . . .	\$961 51
Paid to Public Library . . . . .	961 51
From Cemetery trust funds . . . . .	1,003 47
From loans in anticipation of taxes . . . . .	41,500 00
From sundry amounts received . . . . .	627 27
Balance due from Treasurer January 1, 1902 . .	3,575 92
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	\$133,154 65

Our present system of auditing amounts to nothing but a looking over the accounts to find a possible clerical error, and I would recommend that the town investigate the matter and see if some more modern method could not be introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY W. KEITH,

*Auditor.*

Middleboro, January 1st, 1903.

## LIST OF JURORS.

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The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year :

F. Austin G. Atwood.	Isaac E. Perkins.
Harrison W. Atwood.	Robert S. Phillips.
William F. Atwood, France st.	George H. Place.
Otis L. Barden.	David G. Pratt.
Walter L. Beals.	Enoch Pratt.
Grover Bennett.	Luther B. Pratt.
John L. Benson.	John C. Robinson.
Howard M. Bishop.	Edmund S. Russell.
Joshua K. Bishop.	Charles E. Ryder.
George F. Bourne.	John H. Ryder.
George F. Bryant.	Albert T. Savery.
Charles E. Bump.	Truman C. Savery.
Marshall P. Burgess.	Benjamin C. Shaw.
John M. Casey.	Albert W. Smith.
Frederic P. Chace.	Walter H. Smith.
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.	Walter M. Snow.
James M. Coombs.	Edwin E. Soule.
George A. Cox.	Orlando Soule.
Nathaniel S. Cushing, Jr.	Myron R. Sturgis.
Albert Deane.	David S. Surrey.
Arad R. Dunham.	John J. Sullivan.



George A. Earle.	Charles M. Thatcher.
Lucius M. Fuller.	Alfred E. Thomas.
George T. M. Gammons.	Charles H. Thomas.
William M. Haskins.	Ichabod B. Thomas.
Arthur M. Hinkley.	James A. Thomas.
Thomas J. LeBaron.	John B. Thomas.
Clarence E. Libby.	Lazell E. Thomas.
Thacher B. Lucas.	Alvan P. Vaughan.
Adam P. McKeen.	William L. Wade.
John Merrihew.	Asaph F. Washburn.
Andrew W. Miller.	Seneca T. Weston.
Edwin F. Witham.	William L. White, Jr.
Edward C. Wood.	George H. Wilbur.
Louis D. Churbuck.	Warren B. Stetson.
Herbert W. Cornish.	Charles F. Cole.
Horace A. Vaughan.	Isaac M. Foye.
James F. Roberts.	Carleton W. Maxim.
Charles B. Dunham.	Charles H. Soule.
Wordsworth H. Harvey.	Thomas F. McDonald.
Luther S. Bailey.	Michael H. Kelley.
Charlie O. Breach.	Bradford Harlow.
Michael O'Donnell.	Alvin C. Howes.
	Leonidas Deane.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

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The following is an abstract from the records, showing the action taken by the town at the various meetings held during the year 1902 :

### ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1902.

Called to order by the Clerk at 8 A.M. Alvin C. Howes was chosen Moderator and sworn.

Voted to accept the list of jurors as recommended by the Selectmen, after removing the names of Emery F. Atwood and Edmund S. Russell and adding the names of Howard B. Carver, Thomas T. Westgate and James M. Clark.

Voted to accept the provisions of Sections 29 to 32, Chapter 102, Revised Laws, relative to licensing junk dealers.

Chose the following as Field Drivers : George S. Clark, Amos Buckman, James A. Burgess, William L. Faxon, Augustus H. Soule, Clarence C. Porter, Sylvanus W. Bump, Arad R. Dunham.

Voted that the yards of Field Drivers be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they be chosen Pound Keepers.

Voted that the same persons chosen Field Drivers be chosen Pound Keepers.

Voted to authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire \$45,000 in anticipation of taxes.

Voted that the proceeds of dog and other licenses be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

Voted that the Committee on Drainage, Lyman P. Thomas, Joseph E. Beals and Bert J. Allan, be authorized to construct a drain on Vine street from a point near C. W. Maxim's mill to connect with the drain on old Centre street, and to report at the adjourned meeting the probable cost of completing the drainage system on the West side.

Voted to build a new schoolhouse on Pleasant street, and the chair appoint a committee of five to submit plans and estimates for the house at the adjourned meeting. Committee: P. W. Keith, A. H. Soule, W. H. Southworth, Bert J. Allan and William C. Litchfield.

Voted that the School Committee be authorized to build a schoolhouse in the Soule district.

Voted to sell the herrings for one year; to locate three fishing places, one at Muttock, one at the Star mills, one at the electric light dam, and sell the first two, to be paid for within ten days of the time of sale.

D. D. Sullivan, auctioneer, sold the right to fish as above to C. N. Simmons for \$206.

Voted that the money received for damages at the gas house be applied to reduce the amount voted to be secured as a loan for the purchase of gas engines to the amount of the damages received.

Voted to accept the provisions of Section 335, Chapter 11,

Revised Laws, providing for the choosing the Town Clerk for a term of three years.

Voted not to maintain a Chief of Police this year.

Voted to pay the expense of a night watch for the ensuing year.

Chose as Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark :

John B. LeBaron, James A. Thomas, Gustavus G. Andrews, Nathan B. Maxim, John L. Benson, Isaac E. Perkins, Joshua K. Bishop, Benjamin C. Shaw, Harrison W. Atwood, George H. Vaughan, Nathaniel A. Shurtleff, Sylvanus Mendall, Everett T. Lincoln, J. Arthur Clark, Albert F. Mitchell, Ephraim H. Gammons, N. Horace Ryder.

The following appropriations were made :

Post 8, G. A. R. . . . .	\$200 00
Sprinkling streets . . . . .	600 00
Tree Warden, for protecting shade trees . . . . .	500 00
Concrete sidewalk . . . . .	200 00

Voted that when we adjourn it be to meet March 19, 1902, at 1 P.M.

At 11.15 a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to prepare the room for balloting.

At 11.30 the polls were declared open and the voting began.

The following were appointed and served as Tellers :

Zenas E. Phinney, W. Irving Folger, Walter M. Chipman, Thomas S. Phinney, James F. Roberts, Charles M. Thatcher, Fred C. Sparrow, Percy R. Harlow, Charles A. Shaw, Arthur L. Cushman, Edgar D. Wood, James P. Leahy.

At 5.30 the polls were closed.



Total number votes cast . . . . . 1,107

The result of the election was the choice of the following :

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector : Amos H. Eaton.

Selectman and Assessor : Lyman P. Thomas.

Overseer of Poor : Andrew M. Wood.

School Committee : William C. Litchfield, Warren H. Southworth.

Municipal Light Board : Thomas S. Hodgson.

Board of Health : Bert J. Allan.

Auditor : William R. Mitchell.

Fish Wardens : Charles W. Kingman, Albert T. Savery, Edwin F. Witham.

Trustees of the Public Library : Calvin D. Kingman, Warren H. Southworth, Nathan Washburn.

Tree Warden : Luther S. Bailey.

Fence Viewers : Jared F. Alden, George R. Sampson, Chester E. Weston.

Constables : Josiah T. Carver, Willston B. Chandler, Bradford Harlow, Samuel Hathaway, Everett T. Lincoln, Samuel S. Lovell, John M. Luippold, Sylvanus Mendall, Simeon L. Nickerson, Ichabod B. Thomas, Charles C. Tinkham, William L. Wade, B. Frank White.

Vote for license :

Yes	.	.	.	.	.	400
No	.	.	.	.	.	440
Blanks	.	.	.	.	.	264



## ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 19.

The following appropriations were voted:

Support of schools . . . . .	\$23,500 00
New house on Pleasant street . . . . .	2,500 00
New house on Soule street . . . . .	2,000 00
Repairs, school property . . . . .	500 00
Lighting bonds . . . . .	1,500 00
Lighting bonds, interest . . . . .	3,268 00
Interest on debt . . . . .	3,500 00
Highway Department . . . . .	10,000 00
Night watch and police . . . . .	900 00
Poor and insane . . . . .	7,500 00
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	3,500 00
Drain, west side . . . . .	3,000 00
Schools, special music teacher . . . . .	500 00
Town Officers . . . . .	2,500 00
Suburban lighting . . . . .	400 00
Municipal Light construction . . . . .	832 00
Moderator . . . . .	15 00
Military aid . . . . .	800 00
Incidentals . . . . .	2,500 00
Town Hall . . . . .	400 00
Water supply . . . . .	1,500 00
Board of Health . . . . .	400 00
Grade crossings . . . . .	4,747 04
Grade crossings, interest . . . . .	594 51

The Committee on Schoolhouse reported that to build a

house practically like the one at Rock, enlarge the lot, build a fence and furnish the house will cost \$2,500.

Voted to place the building of both houses in the hands of the School Committee; that they prepare plans and specifications for these buildings, advertise and let the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

Voted to instruct the town officials to secure an extension of time on the \$8,000 note due this year.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed not to pay from the appropriation for soldiers' relief any bill for the medical attendance or services of a nurse, unless the visit of the physician or the attendance of the nurse had been previously ordered or authorized by one or more of the Board of Selectmen.

The committee reported that the drainage scheme for the west side will cost \$3,000. The same committee was directed to do the work as contemplated in the plans for the abolition of the grade crossings.

Voted to assess, in addition to the State and county taxes, the sum of \$72,249.26 on the polls and estates of the town.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 1902.

Albert H. Washburn chosen Moderator.

The Selectmen reported laying out a drain on the West side as filed in the office of the Town Clerk. The report was accepted and allowed.

ANNUAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1902.

*Precinct One.*

Meeting called to order at 9.30 A.M.

Warden : J. Warren S. Gibbs.

Deputy Warden : Abiathar W. Leonard.

Clerk : Percy W. Keith.

Deputy Clerk : B. J. Allan.

Inspector : T. J. Pratt.

Deputy Inspectors : M. V. B. Pratt, B. E. Holmes, H. A. Pratt.

Polls closed at 3 P.M. Whole number of votes cast, 78.

*Precinct Two.*

Meeting called to order at 6 A.M.

Warden : George F. Bryant.

Deputy Warden and Teller : Chester E. Weston.

Clerk : Joseph E. Beals.

Deputy Clerk and Teller : Edwin F. Witham.

Inspector : Charles W. Kingman.

Deputy Inspectors and Tellers : E. T. Pierce Jenks, Wallace C. Collins.

Deputy Inspector : W. Irving Folger.

Officer : Hiram Nickerson.

Tellers : Percy R. Harlow, J. A. Finn, Zenas E. Phinney.

Number of ballots cast, 783.

The polls were closed at 4 P.M., and the vote was announced at 4.55. The meeting dissolved at 5.10.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING TO CANVASS VOTES FOR  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT.

NOVEMBER 14, 1902.

The Clerks of Halifax, Plympton and Middleboro met at the office of the Town Clerk in Middleboro and found the vote to stand as follows :

	Middleboro.	Halifax.	Plympton.	Total.
Andrews . . .	505	49	38	592
Matthews . . .	270	8	14	292
Blanks . . .	86	2	3	91
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Total . . .	861	59	55	975

Two certificates of election of William A. Andrews were made and signed by the Clerks, one forwarded by mail to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the other delivered to William A. Andrews by the hand of Constable Sylvanus Mendall.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLE-  
BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Date.	Names of Groom and Bride.		Residence.
Jan. 1	Edward Seymour Van Steenberg	Emila Gerry Shaw	New York
2	Howard Bartlett Carver	Alberta Frazier Hathaway	N. Middleborough
4	Kenneth Morrison	Annie McKenzie	Middleborough
10	Evans Lee Marble	Mercy E. Keyes	Wareham
15	William Warren Briggs	Mary Emmaline Robbins	Middleborough
16	Henry Storer Swan	Matilda Jane Peirce (Bump)	"
19	Louis Tardiff	Lucie Cantin	Lakeville
20	Chester Wellington Tobey	Lizzie Maude Hewitt	Middleborough
Feb. 6	Patrick A. McAnagh	Elizabeth Lillian Brawderx	S. Easton
8	Walton Whitney Farmer	Harriet Lena Sullivan	W. Bridgewater
9	Alfred W. Chapman	Rose S. Atwood	Middleborough
9	James A. Burkill	Margaret Harper	"
11	Arthur White	Susie M. F. Perry	"
Mar. 5	George Herbert Wilbur	Bessie Barclay Gibbs	Fairhaven
Apr. 6	William Clifton Hayward	Etta Lazell Thomas	Middleborough
6	Robert William Thorson	Abbie Hall Hazelton	"
23	Harrison Francis Shurtleff	Alice Etta Gerald	"
30	Philip Dubie	Dianne Millette	New Bedford
May 1	Louis Ritter, Jr.	Edith May Peavey	Middleborough
6	Charles Henry Amesbury	Carrie W. Rice (Blackmer)	Milford
10	Henry Peirce Robbins	Lillian Frances Bonney	Norwich, Conn.
23	Herbert Wendell Churchill	Jessie Ann McKay	Providence, R.I.
28	Charles Onslow White	Louise Howard	Lakeville
June 4	George Darling Lee	Estella Davis Perot	Middleborough
			Plympton



MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Residence.
June 4	Harry Ellsmore Raymond Nellie Crandon Benson	Roslindale Middleborough
10	William Walter Horn Katherine McLain	" "
12	John Derhammer Emery Alice Louise Leahy	Allentown, Penn. Middleborough
15	Florentine Barker Gould Winnie Louise Wilbur	Quincy Middleborough
24	James Joseph Brawderx, Jr. Julia Creedon	Bridgewater Middleborough
25	Howard Fisher Ryder Emily Ann Fuller	" "
25	Thomas Joseph O'Rourke Mary Alma Doherty	E. Freetown Middleborough
25	Malcolm Morrison Louisa Augusta Morse	" "
28	Bertrand Elmo Tobey Josephine May Bernier	" "
30	George Albert Robbins Mabel Hammond Arey	" Brockton
July 1	Harry Stockwell Ladd Julia Boyd	Middleborough Brockton
3	Fletcher Lawton Barrows Grace Elizabeth Patton	Middleborough Boston
26	Fred Carleton Hathaway Sarah Ruby Macomber	Middleborough "
30	William Watson Ethel Bartlett Briggs	" "
Aug. 7	Clinton Thomas Flora M. Lavin	" Everett
13	Leonard O. Tillson Lizzie Evelyn Berry Sparrow	Middleborough "
14	Charles Lewis Shaw Caroline Crandon Parker	" Acushnet
17	Samuel Sturtevant Sarah Minerva Rogers	Middleborough New Bedford
Sept. 1	George Fearo Beaton Mary Abby Surrey	Middleborough "
5	Harry Miller Haskins Minnie Charlotte Landgrebe	" "
10	Nathaniel S. Bassett Mary O'Keefe	Lakeville "
30	Peter Donovan Julia A. Albro (Cole)	Middleborough "
Oct. 1	William Warren Luce Tallman Mary Ethel Hart	" "
3	Royal Bogle Tingley Lucie May Read	Pawtuxet, R.I. "
3	Fred Arnold Thomas Rebecca Linfield Howes	Middleborough "

MARRIAGES — *Concluded.*

Date.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Residence.
Oct. 8	Edward Molloy Thomas	Middleborough
	Loretta Maude Venno	"
15	Arthur W. Flagg	Bridgewater
	Gertrude Ina Drew	Middleborough
22	Albert Francis Whitcomb	"
	Martha M. Ashton	Whitman
23	Benjamin Ellsworth Chapman	Middleborough
	Serena Beatrice Wilson	"
27	Chester Reckard	Carver
	Florence May Coombs	"
28	Robert Rose Melville	Middleborough
	Minnie Laura Richards	Carver
28	Frank Bernier	N. Carver
	Louise Bernier	"
29	Elmer Lewis Wood	Middleborough
	Grace Albertine Pittsley	"
Nov. 1	Manuel Silva	Lakeville
	Mary Silva (Duarte)	"
2	Fred Chester Borden	Middleborough
	Mary Abbie King	Tiverton, R.I.
5	Nathaniel G. Staples	Lakeville
	Julia E. Hathaway (Coombs)	Middleborough
8	Thomas Philip Smith	New York City
	Annie (Jennings) Stone	Lakeville
13	Walter Arlington Brown	Middleborough
	Edith Myrtle Allen	"
13	Roland Henry Minott	"
	Lucy Edna Thomas	"
19	Robert Roger Griswold	Worcester
	Bertha Ellwood Thomas	Middleborough
20	James Henry Rogers	"
	Delia Bernier	"
25	John Baptiste Bernier	"
	Matilda Moreau	"
26	George Sylvester Peirce	Walpole
	Marion Grace Perkins	Middleborough
27	David Herbert Peirce	"
	Jenney Butler Gifford	New Bedford
27	Ernest Clark	Middleborough
	Laura Jane Robbins	Hyde Park
Dec. 1	Enoch R. Perkins	Bridgewater
	Katherine Ray Turner	Middleborough
14	Nelson Card White	"
	Louise Clair Prime	"
18	Harrison Delano Doty	"
	Eva Bacon	Hyannis
23	Herbert Ellsworth Hinds	Middleborough
	Grace Mabel Baxter	"
25	Albion Wilson Merritt	"
	Helen Bartlett Morse	Rochester
27	Joe Festa	Middleborough
	Fortunata Ravagni	Cambridge

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH  
DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 7	Mary Agnes Sullivan	Timothy D. and Margaret Sullivan
8	William Ernest Gardner	William H. and Henrika Henderson
9	Everett L. Braddock	John L. and Adela T. McNabb
11	William Warren Melix	William W. and Ida E. Schaffer
20	Walter Andrew McCormick	John F. and Edith M. Chace
21	Annie Bell Matheson	Alexander and Christa McLeod
21	Bertha Elsie Benoit	Joseph and Louisa Trackey
23	Mabel Ruth Roberts	Albert E. and Mabel R. Brown
25	Norman Edward Rudolph	Otto and Hattie Erler
29	Francis LeBaron	E. Leonard and Hattie A. J. Murdock
Feb. 1	Charles Edward Ford	William B. and Jessie M. Burgon
10	Mildred Elizabeth Tinkham	Foster S. and Elsie A. Washburn
19	Louise Hicks Cline	Howard A. and Lucy M. Hicks
21	Chester E. Baker	Ernest C. and Abbie M. Godbout
23	Henry Leslie Caswell	Henry Varley and Lizzie Dunham
Mar. 4	Aspazzia Galfre	Bartolomeo and Ernesta Bergamasco
13	Arthur Irving Kraus	Paul and Henrietta Herteeth
19	Nathaniel Warren Barrows	Clement W. and Elizabeth J. Campbe
20	Gladys L. Commeau	Charles W. and Bertha L. Farrington
29	Philip Ephraim Butler	Philip E. and Caddie M. Corson
Apr. 2	Helen Elizabeth Perkins	George W. and Elizabeth Morse
3	Illegitimate	
6	Stillborn	
6	Stillborn	
6	Joseph de Rosa	Jose Gonzalos and Martina de Concercoa
8	Christopher Dutra	Jose Rosa and Maria Gloria
9	Catherine Cecilia Casey	Charles H. and Mary E. Sullivan
10	Dorothy Louise Macomber	Barzilla W. and Annie L. Benton
15	Carleton Howard Benson	Charles G. and Hattie S. Archer
15	Susan Morris	Amos and Maria Angelis
15	Stillborn	
15	Gladys P. Taggett	Charles W. and Carrie E. Brown
18	Joseph Wilfred Roi	Joseph F. and Delsive Fortier
19	Frederic Francis Danforth	Charles E. and Lucy E. Churchill
20	Mark Merrick Broughton	Thomas W. and Flora B. Merrick
20	Ralph Clement Dickson	Henry and Lizzie C. Marchand
23	Celia Porell	William J. and Mary V. Pitchette
25	Mary Billings Hall	Fred P. and Emily A. Hunt
May 3	Philip Alonzo Sirois	Michael and Ellen Courcy
4	May Virginia LaCombe	John and Amanda Henderson
5	Lawrence May Lewis	Leonard and Elizabeth Lamb
6	——— Lingoin	Henry and Annie Tetro
17	Charles Edward Maddigan	John and Annie Fulthorp
22	Helen May Sampson	Albert J. and Gertie Sheridan
25	Louise Bryant	Horace L. and Ida Lee
26	Myra Frances Hall	Nahum L. and Nellie F. Axie
28	Earl Clinton Drake	Charles C. and Alice Mabel Holmes



BIRTHS — *Continued.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
May 28	Doris Mary Ward	Stephen H. and Alice M. O'Neil
28	Edward Ernest Benn	George E. and Elizabeth Thompson
28	Laura Norris	James H. and Eliza A. Beach
31	George Ward Stetson, Jr.	George W. and Myra Cushing
June 2	Frederick Carroll Buckman	Amos S. and Florence E. Osgood
4	—— Cobb	Charles F. and Ethel A. Wilbur
5	Ernest Henry Washburn	William H. and Asenath L. Briggs
6	—— Lucas	Thacher B., Jr., and Hattie B. Perkins
6	Nathaniel Dorrance Ryder	Morrill S. and Susan A. Dorrance
8	Viola Alzada Maxim	Charles H. and Lizzie Wallen
14	Arthur Dalton Champlin	Arthur L. and Jennie F. Finney
16	Elmer Herbert Haskell	Arthur C. and Agnes E. McKeown
16	Regina Agnes Cavanaugh	Patrick J. and Mary Ellen Boehme
18	Arthur Baldwin Carpenter	Rufus B. and Amy A. Chace
19	Arleen Elizabeth Messer	Benjamin F. and Bertha Baxter
21	Gladys Burton Allen	Charles W. and Melinda Burton
22	Olive Hodgson Haskins	John A. and Bertha E. Nichols
24	Russell Alton Freeman	Alton S. and Bertha E. Shaw
27	—— Carr	John and Amelia M. Blanchard
July 5	Flora Elsie May Tanguay	Michel and Delia Bernier
11	Gladys Linwood Millerd	Cornelius and Lucretia A. Kilton
15	Frederick Mansfield Murphy	James and Sarah Mansfield
17	Warren R. Mitchell	Albert F. and Maria D. Hermann
22	Lucy Silva	Joseph and Jessie Concessa
25	Alice Mary Gay	Osman L. and Kate A. Sullivan
Aug. 1	James Batchelder Cronan	Michael J. and Bessie E. Batchelder
3	Earl Gleason Lincoln	Frank and Laura J. Clark
10	Frank Hathaway Perkins	Ernest I. and Edith A. Reed
10	George Raymond Riggs	Lewis J. and Alice A. Belus
12	Carleton Warren Hathaway	Fred C. and Ruby Macomber
16	William Mahoney	John F. and Mary Barry
21	Stillborn	
22	Stillborn	
27	Joseph Mello	Manuel and Rosa Paula
27	Howard Farnham Whitney	Mellville M. and Annie I. Perkins
28	Howard Elwyn Rudolph	Louis F. and Mary F. Morris
28	Charles Otto Lyon	Charles R. and Nellie E. Wilbur
Sept. 1	Florence Maynard Campbell	Henry J. and Elizabeth J. Fife
1	Rodney Clifford Southworth	Philander W. and Estella J. Shaw
1	Florence Elizabeth Perkins	Robert E. and Annie E. Plunkett
11	Henry Austin Bump	Myron A. and Bessie Merrihew
11	Hazel Frances LeBaron	William A. and Rebecca F. Westgate
20	Clara Estelle Reeves	George T. and Margaret E. McLeod
21	Walter Holland Grant	Patrick A. and Katherine Agnes Casey
24	Freeman Russell Rhoades	Arthur F. and Ethel C. Bonney
27	Ethel Bradford Townsend	Lewis E. and Clara
27	Mable Persis Weeman	Walter J. and L. Mable Place
29	Minnie Louise Hathaway	Eugene A. and Carrie May Hall

BIRTHS — *Concluded.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
Sept 30	Amy Franklin Drew	Cornelius and Mary Fuller Dixon
30	——— Tripp	Herbert H. and Annie M. Sawyer
Oct. 5	William Frederick Waldron McDonald	William and Emma L. Young
5	Maynard Henry Goodridge	Maynard and Susan E. Macomber
11	Isabel Wentworth Eaton	Lawrence and Sarah Y. Fitch
28	Marian McKeown	William J., Jr., and Helen Carter
29	Avis Cecilia Boehme	Charles and Avis Millerd
Nov. 1	Herbert Franklin Hopkins	Chester A. and Mary F. Alden
3	——— Lougee	Arthur F. and Hattie F. Thompson
12	——— Thorson	Henry L. and Florence L. Hall
14	Mary Mansfield Boucher	Thomas F. and Julia Mansfield
15	Illegitimate	
16	Doris Elizabeth Westgate	Albert T. and Maud P. Bassett
16	William Weston Briggs	William W. and Mary E. Robbins
18	Lillian Gladys Standish	Elmer E. and Maria A. Donavon
20	Vesta Buffum Gannett	Edwin L. and Imogene M. Perry
29	Edith Brewster Sherman	Charles A. and Nellie M. Sherman
Dec. 1	Leora Milton Burgess	Edward M. and Della J. Gove
2	——— Valliere	Fred and Virginia Langlois
3	——— Sjogren	Hugo and Tildo Pohlson
3	Henry Edwards Alden	J. Edwards and Nellie C. Paine
6	Henry Stephens Myrick	Chester L. and Mary A. Small
8	James Lawrence Drew	Elmer O. and Cynthia A. Shurtleff
16	Ann Katherine McMahon	Patrick and Honora O'Connor
26	John Andrew Walsh	Francis P. and Emma T. Hurley
28	Thomas W. Pierce	Carl Z. and Mary Wilbur
29	Richard William Fessenden	William Pitt and Edith May Jewell



DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH  
DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 5	James M. Sampson	67	6	15	Valvular disease of heart
11	Edwin M. Cole	71	6	30	Chronic articular rheumatism
18	Jane Walley	88	—	14	Senility
19	Alice Sullivan	49	10	2	Pulmonary tuberculosis
21	Daniel M. Dailey	58	—	—	Cardiac asthma
23	Dr. William Randall Wells	88	4	3	Senility
24	Elbridge Downing	65	8	19	Chronic gastritis
Feb. 3	Benjamin F. Messer	30	3	18	Pneumonia
9	Isaiah T. Wilbur	68	5	4	Congestion of lungs
14	Betsey H. Swift	84	8	22	Old age
23	Lucy Ann King	79	4	—	Old age
28	Harold E. Beckwith	—	3	7	Pneumonia
Mar. 1	Edna Gertrude Vaughan	9	9	4	Diphtheria
2	Lucy A. Godfrey	72	8	4	Consumption
3	Abby N. Westgate	46	1	11	Broncho-pneumonia
3	Ann Curley	70	—	—	Chronic bronchitis
6	Delia A. Kilroy	35	—	—	Bronchitis, heart failure
8	John Alden Williams	—	10	8	Broncho-pneumonia
8	Alpha Crossman	91	6	17	Senility
8	Alice H. Cook	50	—	—	Acute nephritis
15	Sarah A. Reed	82	5	17	Pneumonia
25	Horace Wilbur	58	—	—	Mitral disease of heart
26	Alice T. Caldwell	47	7	3	Tuberculosis
27	Louisa Jane Denham	89	10	16	Catarrhal colangitis
27	Julius Churchill Tallman	1	7	3	Diphtheria
29	Henry J. Cave	80	—	—	Heart disease
Apr. 1	Stephen W. Gifford	86	5	1	Senile gangrene
2	Thomas Boucher	76	—	7	Carcinoma of intestine
10	Anna Michael	7	4	—	Pneumonia
15	Calista Perkins	64	4	11	Typhoid pneumonia
23	Celia Porell	—	—	1	Weakness
28	Edward P. Brown	60	—	—	Septicaemia
May 1	Gilbert T. Clark	2	1	2	Measles
3	Lena E. Richmond	18	9	15	Bronchitis and measles
5	Carrie S. Bryant	34	11	27	Chronic diarrhoea
6	William C. Day	61	—	—	Hypostatic pneumonia
10	Renato Cullati	—	9	2	Hydrocephalus
21	Sarah Heatherton	64	—	—	Heart failure
21	Ellen Maria Keith	63	8	19	Apoplexy
23	Sarah A. Murray	75	11	16	Cerebral hemorrhage
26	Samantha L. Wood	89	10	—	Old age
29	Martha H. H. Haskell	69	11	14	Intestinal obstruction
31	Hannah Willig	88	11	1	Old age
June 2	Julia M. Wilcox	64	3	7	Diabetes mellitus
2	Emma V. King	—	—	—	Stoppage
6	Love Adams	77	1	24	Heart disease
6	Charles H. Morrison	4	—	—	Accident
7	— Lucas	—	—	2	Valvular disease of heart

DEATHS — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
June 9	Susie May Kilton	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	Inanition
13	Estin W. Kilton	27	4	12	Phthisis pulmonalis
16	Thomas Rothera	55	—	—	Phthisis pulmonalis
20	William Washburn	80	7	20	Gastro-enteritis
22	Louisa Clark	54	1	18	Apoplexy
23	Mary Ann Smith	67	5	26	Cerebral hemorrhage
25	Eunice Aldrich	76	—	—	Valvular disease of heart
29	Emery F. Atwood	60	3	6	Phthisis pulmonalis
July 5	George L. Cronan	39	11	1	Crushed by freight cars
9	Eliza J. Rogers	68	6	13	Septicaemia
11	Harry W. Lamb	—	—	—	Railroad accident
22	Michael Howard	65	—	4	Fracture of the skull
23	Lydia Briggs Mitchell	92	10	12	Old age
28	Israel Smith	85	3	21	Old age
Aug. 11	Christiana Wilhelmina Boehme	76	6	8	Softening of brain
11	Freeman A. T. Churbuck	57	11	3	Cancer
11	Flavie Commeau	85	—	—	Cerebral congestion
24	August Ann Libby	58	1	28	Carcinoma of rectum
28	Hattie F. Maxim	1	—	14	Gastro-enteric infection
28	Gladys L. Commeau	—	5	8	Enteritis
29	Thomas B. West	46	4	5	Enteric fever
30	Thomas G. Gardner	48	—	—	Exhaustion
Sept. 2	Aurelia Hartwell	75	6	—	Paralysis
3	Elizabeth Coffin	88	4	26	Chronic bronchitis
3	James Caroline	63	—	—	Consumption
6	Samuel J. Nickerson	33	—	—	Run over by electrics
6	Thomas C. Collins	74	3	18	Apoplexy
6	Warren R. Mitchell	—	1	20	Tuberculous meningitis
7	Rhoda J. Churchill	104	—	8	Acute indigestion
10	Edwin Holmes	84	5	10	Pneumonia
10	Goge de Mello	—	—	7	Cholera infantum
12	Asa F. Crosby	77	4	5	Apoplexy
14	Harriet S. Tinkham	68	1	15	Consumption of bowels
16	Lydia Eddy Shaw	92	—	—	Old age
20	Lydia C. Tripp	68	4	22	Phthisis pulmonalis
21	Priscilla Earl	81	11	16	Cardiac paralysis
29	Clarence P. Waul	30	—	—	Run over by cars
30	Regina Ritter	65	1	19	Valvular heart disease.
Oct. 5	Seymour F. Stevens	17	11	22	Typhoid fever
8	Hannah Foster Goss	93	7	16	Embolism pulmonalis
13	Peter Plunket, Jr.	17	3	—	Phthisis pulmonalis
16	Earl Williamson	7	—	—	Tonsilitis
19	Marshall F. Gibbs	77	5	15	Occlusion of bowels
20	Eliza Eddy	85	1	3	Dysentery
24	Bridget C. Driscoll	58	—	—	Fibroid phthisis
30	Benjamin Franklin Hathaway	62	11	13	Phthisis
31	Moses C. Gibbs	72	7	15	Disease of prostate and bladder
31	Truman E. Niles	75	10	23	Cancer of stomach
Nov. 1	Earl F. Shaw	8	7	—	Puopura haemorrhagie

DEATHS — *Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Nov. 1	Mary F. Hopkins	23	2	4	Uremia
3	Sarah M. Carpenter	61	10	—	Cancer of stomach
6	Mary Emma Talbot	1	1	20	Bronchitis
15	John Henry Thompson	15	3	15	Septic throat
17	Harriet A. Fittz	70	5	27	Heart disease
21	Mary Ellen Driscoll	34	—	29	Phthisis pulmonalis
25	Percival Job	—	—	5	Icterus neonatorum
Dec. 3	Nora Barrows	43	—	—	Cancer uteri
3	Rolland Hayward Baxter	—	—	19	Marasmus
6	Laura F. Thomas	29	6	3	Tuberculosis
26	Elizabeth Tinkham	86	10	6	Acute bronchitis
29	Abisha T. Clark	84	7	28	Senility
29	Henry Edwards Alden	—	1	—	Pertussis
30	Hannah G. Shaw	69	9	5	Angina pectoris
30	George F. Sisson	82	11	5	Broncho-pneumonia

## SUMMARY

From the records of marriages, births and deaths, during  
the year 1902.

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MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded	.	.	.	.	.	75
Number of licenses granted	.	.	.	.	.	67
Oldest groom	.	.	.	.	.	63
Youngest groom	.	.	.	.	.	20
Oldest bride	.	.	.	.	.	63
Youngest bride	.	.	.	.	.	17
First marriage of	.	.	.	.	.	135
Second marriage of	.	.	.	.	.	14
Third marriage of	.	.	.	.	.	1

## BIRTHS.

Number recorded	.	.	.	.	.	123
Males	.	.	70	Females	.	53

## DEATHS.

Number recorded	.	.	.	.	.	116
Number occurring in town	.	.	.	.	.	94
Males	.	.	57	Females	.	59
Under one year	.	.	.	.	.	15
Between 1 and 10 years	.	.	.	.	.	9
Between 10 and 20 years	.	.	.	.	.	4

Between 20 and 30 years . . . . .	4
Between 30 and 40 years . . . . .	7
Between 40 and 50 years . . . . .	6
Between 50 and 60 years . . . . .	8
Between 60 and 70 years . . . . .	21
Between 70 and 80 years . . . . .	16
Between 80 and 90 years . . . . .	19
Between 90 and 100 years . . . . .	4
Over 100 years . . . . .	1
Age unknown . . . . .	2

## DOGS.

Number licensed in 1902 . . . . .	518
Males . . . . . 467	Females . . . . . 51



## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX, 1903.

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For support of schools, current expenses and

Superintendent's salary . . . . .	\$24,000 00
Music, special teacher . . . . .	500 00
Drawing, special teacher . . . . .	350 00
Ordinary repairs, alterations and permanent im-	
provement of school property . . . . .	1,500 00
Support of poor and insane . . . . .	9,000 00
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	5,000 00
Military aid . . . . .	500 00
Town officers . . . . .	3,000 00
Incidentals . . . . .	2,500 00
G.A.R., for Memorial Day . . . . .	200 00
Town House Committee . . . . .	200 00
Water supply for fire district . . . . .	1,500 00
Town debt, note due Nov. 1st, 1903 . . . . .	5,000 00
Town debt, note extended from 1902 . . . . .	8,000 00
Lighting bonds due . . . . .	1,500 00
Interest on bonds . . . . .	3,208 00
Suburban lighting . . . . .	450 00
Light Commissioners' salaries . . . . .	150 00
Construction . . . . .	892 00
Extension of street lights . . . . .	250 00
Interest . . . . .	3,500 00

Board of Health . . . . .	\$800 00
Highway Department, including general repairs, clearing highways of snow and Superinten- dent's salary . . . . .	10,000 00
Police Department . . . . .	1,000 00
Sprinkling streets . . . . .	600 00
Grade crossing tax . . . . .	5,164 45
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	\$88,964 45
Less corporation and bank tax, estimated .	7,000 00
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To raise by tax . . . . .	\$81,964 45

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,  
FOR 1902.



MIDDLEBORO, MASS.:  
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.  
1903.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### *Organization, 1902-1903.*

REV. W. C. LITCHFIELD, *Chairman.*

CHARLES H. BATES, *Secretary.*

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### *Members.*

NATHAN WASHBURN, 70 So. Main Street, Term expires, 1903  
WILLIAM A. ANDREWS, 57 So. Main Street, Term expires, 1903  
JOANNA T. LEONARD, 5 North Street . Term expires, 1904  
B. J. ALLAN, Pleasant Street . . . Term expires, 1904  
REV. W. C. LITCHFIELD, 1 Southwick Street, Term expires, 1905  
WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH, 7 West Street, Term expires, 1905

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### *Superintendent of Schools.*

CHARLES H. BATES, 103 So. Main Street.

*Office, Room 7, Town Hall.*

Office Hours, school days: Mondays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P.M.;  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A.M.; Wednesdays,  
6.30 to 7.30 P.M.

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Regular meetings of the Committee are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.30 P.M.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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*To the Citizens of Middleborough:*

The School Committee herewith present the annual report relating to the schools of the town, with recommendations that appear necessary to the maintenance and improvement thereof.

The school year was shortened two weeks by the reduction of the appropriation from that of the previous year, a course which, if we are obliged to continue, will materially lower the standard of all our schools. By shortening the school year and thereby reducing the compensation of the teachers, an uneasy condition of mind consequently appeared among them, and several applications were made in other places for schools where the school year was longer and greater compensation could be secured. As a result, some of our teachers have been called to other fields of labor, necessitating several changes in our corps of instructors. By the public spirit of the trustees of the Peirce estate, our High School has been supplied with an additional teacher, and through their generosity Miss Josephine A. Pickering came at the commencement of the school year in September last and has proved a valuable accession. Again the trustees of the Peirce estate came forward and offered to furnish fuel for six of the suburban schools, which has been of great



assistance in meeting the large expense of heating our buildings. The thanks of your Committee are hereby expressed to the trustees for their timely aid in both the matters referred to.

In the event of being able to procure coal at the exorbitant prices prevailing, a debt of several hundred dollars must have necessarily been contracted, and the fact is still before us that a larger appropriation for fuel must be made than has been called for heretofore.

The services of Mr. C. H. Bates, as the successor of Mr. A. J. Jacoby to the superintendency of our schools, are hereby approved and his work commended. His efforts to forward the interests of the education of our pupils have found hearty acceptance on the part of your Committee. His time and strength have been given in generous measure and in impartial manner.

At the beginning of the school year it was thought desirable to make a change in the teacher of music, and a gentleman, resident of the town, was elected to the position. Mr. Austin M. Howard, the present instructor, has begun his work in a commendable way by teaching the rudiments of music, and this foundation cannot fail to produce satisfactory results in the time to come. We ask a cordial support for Mr. Howard on the part of the parents of the pupils.

The school building at Plymouth street is in very poor condition and should be replaced with a new one, or the old one should be thoroughly repaired. The Highland building should be enlarged to meet the needs of the school now already crowded beyond the seating capacity. The con-

stantly increasing membership of the High School is pressing upon us the absolute necessity of a new High School building; this is a matter demanding the serious attention of the citizens of the town and should be no longer delayed.

The commercial course strongly recommended in last year's reports by Superintendent Bates, Principal Sampson of the High School and the School Committee, still waits for suitable accommodations in which to begin the work.

Your careful inspection of the accompanying report is earnestly solicited, that no one may claim ignorance of the affairs connected with our schools.

Your Committee desire to publicly express their appreciation of the services of all the teachers, for the faithfulness exhibited in their work, and trust that any seeming shortcomings that may appear to the citizens of the town will be dealt with in a charitable spirit, ever remembering the teacher's work is not one of ease but constant care and anxiety.

#### REPORT OF BUILDINGS.

At the annual town meeting it was voted to build new houses for the Pleasant Street and Soule schools, and the matter was placed in the hands of the School Committee with instructions to procure plans, advertise for bids and award the contracts to the lowest bidders. Acting according to these instructions, the contract was awarded for building the Pleasant street house, and the cost of its construction is as follows:

*Receipts.*

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,500 00
Sale of property . . . . .	14 25
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	\$2,514 25

*Expenses.*

Lot . . . . .	\$70 00
Building contract . . . . .	1,535 00
Out buildings, etc . . . . .	47 00
Cellar and grading . . . . .	147 42
Desks . . . . .	124 62
Heating and ventilating . . . . .	182 05
Curtains . . . . .	17 66
Blackboards . . . . .	11 15
Fencing lot . . . . .	123 74
Plans, surveying, etc . . . . .	98 00
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	2,356 64
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Unexpended . . . . .	\$157 61

The Committee were unable to procure the services of a competent well digger before the winter set in and this part of the work was not completed. Several of these bills have been paid since January 1st, and therefore will not appear in the reports of other town officers.

For the Soule schoolhouse no bid was received which could be carried out and keep the expenses within the appropriation. The specifications were revised and a new bid accepted, which it was hoped would keep the cost within the limit, and the contract was awarded.

The cost of construction was as follows :

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Sale of old house . . . . .	25 50
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	\$2,025 50

#### EXPENSES.

Lot . . . . .	\$20 00
Building contract . . . . .	1,575 00
Building fence, etc . . . . .	17 00
Foundation and grading . . . . .	73 20
Heating and ventilating . . . . .	169 62
Desks . . . . .	93 38
Blackboards . . . . .	9 41
Curtains . . . . .	8 80
Plans, surveying, etc . . . . .	95 00
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	2,061 41
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Overdrawn . . . . .	\$35 91

A fence must be built on the line of the lot adjoining Mr. Ward, and a well should be dug.

The following estimates have been carefully made and are herewith presented, in the judgment of your Committee, as required to support and maintain the schools for the incoming year: for current expenditures, including salary of Superintendent, \$24,000.00; music, special teacher, \$500; drawing, special teacher, \$350; for repairs of school property, \$1,500.00.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$5 77
Appropriation for current expenditures . . . . .	23,500 00
Appropriation for music . . . . .	500 00
Appropriation for repairs . . . . .	500 00
Appropriation for salaries of School Committee, . . . . .	150 00
Town of Lakeville, tuition . . . . .	660 00
Town of Freetown, tuition . . . . .	115 00
Town of Rochester, tuition . . . . .	40 00
Town of Raynham, tuition . . . . .	40 00
City of Boston, tuition . . . . .	38 00
State Board of Lunacy and Charity, tuition . . . . .	353 00
Tuition not paid by towns . . . . .	131 00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co. . . . .	82 24
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$26,115 01

### EXPENDITURES.

Instruction, superintendence, care of buildings and fuel . . . . .	\$19,241 40
Books, stationery and school supplies . . . . .	1,822 85
Sundries . . . . .	725 10
Conveyance to High School . . . . .	524 99
Conveyance to Elementary Schools . . . . .	1,739 60
Repairs . . . . .	1,592 96



Salaries of School Committee . . . . .	\$150 00
Tuition . . . . .	26 40
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	\$25,823 30
Whole amount available for school purposes .	\$26,115 01
Total expenditures . . . . .	25,823 30
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Unexpended . . . . .	\$291 71

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

### INSTRUCTION.

#### Central schools :

High . . . . .	\$3,447 25	
Main Street . . . . .	2,086 00	
Union Street . . . . .	1,405 60	
School Street . . . . .	1,519 70	
Forest Street . . . . .	814 00	
West Side . . . . .	1,554 80	
	<hr/>	\$10,827 35

#### Suburban Schools :

Pleasant Street . . . . .	\$288 00
Plymouth Street . . . . .	286 00
Purchade . . . . .	296 40
Nemasket . . . . .	290 00
Thompsonville . . . . .	288 00
Soule . . . . .	288 00
Waterville . . . . .	287 20
Green . . . . .	334 00
Fall Brook . . . . .	316 60

Thomastown . . . . .	\$324 00	
South Middleboro . . . . .	356 00	
Highland . . . . .	288 00	
Rock . . . . .	315 60	
Wappanucket . . . . .	288 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,245 80
Music . . . . .		\$500 00

## JANITORS.

Central schools . . . . .	\$1,267 50	
Suburban schools . . . . .	210 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,477 70

## FUEL.

## Central schools :

James L. Jenney . . . . .	\$63 11	
Bryant & Soule . . . . .	232 77	
H. K. Ellis . . . . .	35 50	
J. B. LeBaron . . . . .	92 25	
	<hr/>	\$423 63

## Suburban schools :

J. H. Thomas . . . . .	\$39 50	
C. N. Atwood . . . . .	2 75	
J. H. Vaughan . . . . .	23 20	
B. J. Allan . . . . .	41 75	
E. H. Shaw . . . . .	23 88	
James L. Jenney . . . . .	41 66	
Bryant & Soule . . . . .	26 30	
A. J. Wood . . . . .	2 25	
Henry L. Thomas . . . . .	36 25	

Ezra Morse . . . . .	\$5 00	
Orien E. Deane . . . . .	14 88	
A. H. Soule . . . . .	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$266 92

## BOOKS, STATIONERY AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co. . . . .	\$132 64
H. L. Thatcher & Co. . . . .	51 68
D. C. Heath & Co. . . . .	70 54
American Book Co. . . . .	132 48
Ginn & Co. . . . .	131 50
Hinds & Noble . . . . .	6 40
Silver, Burdett & Co. . . . .	93 67
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . . .	40 19
Boston School Supply Co. . . . .	28 75
Rand, McNally & Co. . . . .	3 40
E. L. Kellogg & Co. . . . .	75
E. E. Babb & Co. . . . .	433 41
A. W. Baker & Co. . . . .	13 99
Wood & Tinkham . . . . .	138 00
Allyn & Bacon . . . . .	20 50
H. J. Whittemore . . . . .	26 58
T. H. Castor & Co. . . . .	2 19
Smith & Hathaway . . . . .	25 50
Ames & Rollinson Co. . . . .	33 40
E. M. Copeland . . . . .	3 00
F. J. Barnard & Co. . . . .	34 04
Prang Educational Co. . . . .	79 82
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co. . . . .	13 34

Educational Pub. Co. . . . .	\$3 75	
Morse Co. . . . .	8 64	
Henry Holt & Co. . . . .	5 00	
Allen, Totman & Co. . . . .	7 17	
Scott, Foresman & Co. . . . .	1 12	
L. E. Knott App. Co. . . . .	36 00	
Maynard, Merrill & Co. . . . .	6 65	
Franklin Lab. Supply Co. . . . .	216 75	
Eagle Pencil Co. . . . .	18 00	
Werner School Book Co. . . . .	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,822 85

## SUNDRIES.

B. J. Allan, taking census, cash paid for repairs . . . . .	\$49 20
A. G. Hayes, care of sewer High School building, two years . . . . .	10 00
Jones Bros Co., sundries . . . . .	28 15
S. S. Lovell, services as truant officer and labor . . . . .	50 15
C. H. Bates, traveling expenses and incidentals from Dec. 1, 1901 . . . . .	130 89
Everett T. Lincoln, services as truant officer two years . . . . .	29 00
New York and Boston Despatch Ex- press Co., expressage . . . . .	23 55
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., incidentals, . . . . .	5 25
J. & G. E. Doane, incidentals . . . . .	30 49
Eben Jones, incidentals . . . . .	1 94

Middleboro Water Works, water service . . . . .	\$18 00
W. A. Andrews, cash paid for labor,	16 70
Thomas W. Pierce, sundries . . . .	65 15
E. F. Tinkham, clocks and repairing,	20 90
William Carl, labor . . . . .	7 45
M. H. Cushing Co., sundries . . . .	25
Middleboro Gas and Electric Plant,	
gas . . . . .	15 20
John B. Knowland, labor . . . .	3 50
C. M. Thatcher, sundries and labor .	8 10
Whitman, Sparrow & Co., sundries,	6 59
H. B. Wentworth, repairing and tuning organ . . . . .	4 50
Continental Brush Co., brushes . .	3 50
C. W. Maxim, labor . . . . .	2 00
John S. Williams Co., sundries . .	4 20
John McNally, cartage and freight .	46 55
C. A. Howes, labor . . . . .	75
T. F. McDonald, labor . . . . .	45
Henry L. Thomas, labor . . . . .	10 00
Otis Briggs, horse hire . . . . .	6 00
E. H. Shaw, labor . . . . .	2 00
Thomas P. Messer, cleaning stovepipe,	1 00
M. K. Messer, cleaning school room,	6 00
William E. Bump, brooms . . . . .	1 50
Abbie Carl, cleaning school rooms .	9 37
Carrie E. Soule, incidentals . . . .	1 67



Dora T. Leonard, taking census, and		
cash paid for labor . . . .	\$32 50	
W. C. Litchfield, cash paid for labor,	28 88	
William F. Dean, labor . . . .	40	
F. L. West, cartage . . . .	15 60	
G. A. Williams, sawing wood . .	13 00	
Walter Sampson, incidentals . .	6 80	
Leonard O. Tillson, incidentals .	1 68	
Austin M. Howard, incidentals .	6 29	
	<hr/>	\$725 10

## CONVEYANCE TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Ethel M. Bolles . . . .	\$5 70
James F. Harvey . . . .	5 85
Sarah M. Shaw . . . .	22 40
Theodore S. Davis . . . .	9 35
Hattie R. Dunham . . . .	9 50
Mattie K. Dunham . . . .	9 50
Hattie L. Mansise . . . .	12 60
Harry E. Libby . . . .	24 40
James C. Murray . . . .	8 35
Harold M. Pratt . . . .	5 70
Lena A. Richmond . . . .	3 00
Lottie A. Thomas . . . .	9 25
David H. Cunningham . . . .	6 95
Annie M. Dorr . . . .	8 80
Percy Jackson . . . .	18 45
Mary A. Libby . . . .	18 46
William Murray . . . .	7 55

E. Howland Perkins	.	.	.	\$5 65
Marion F. Richmond	.	.	.	5 90
Viola M. Shaw	.	.	.	4 30
Minerva M. Sisson	.	.	.	8 40
James P. Thomas	.	.	.	17 90
Grace A. Tinkham	.	.	.	9 00
Idella Bryant	.	.	.	13 30
Frank W. Davis	.	.	.	9 05
Phineas P. Dorr	.	.	.	8 95
Annie W. Frost	.	.	.	8 80
Mattie S. Murdock	.	.	.	9 05
C. Amory Newhall	.	.	.	9 35
Cordelia Richmond	.	.	.	8 45
I. Bradford Thomas, Jr.	.	.	.	35 40
Joseph Westgate	.	.	.	9 40
Hattie Westgate	.	.	.	8 20
Julia F. Weatherby	.	.	.	11 07
Earle Thompson	.	.	.	70
Lottie M. Blakeslee	.	.	.	3 25
Vira N. Campbell	.	.	.	3 65
Lena B. Chace	.	.	.	3 55
Felix Commeau	.	.	.	7 43
Scott J. Dimock	.	.	.	6 80
Aymar B. Freeman	.	.	.	6 70
Eleanor Frost	.	.	.	3 55
Jay G. Galligan	.	.	.	3 50
Lewis W. Garney	.	.	.	7 60
Winnifred D. Lakey	.	.	.	3 65
Elsa Libby	.	.	.	7 20

Elsie B. MacKeen . . . .	\$3 65
Alta M. Maxim . . . .	3 65
Margaret Parnell . . . .	10 20
Dorothy Shaw . . . .	13 80
Frank H. Shaw . . . .	12 80
Walter L. Shaw . . . .	14 00
Harrison C. Shaw . . . .	7 43
Mary Shaw . . . .	13 40
Elmer A. Sisson . . . .	3 60
Helen C. Smith . . . .	3 40
Alice M. Ward . . . .	9 90
Louise S. Wilber . . . .	3 60
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	\$524 99

## CONVEYANCE TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Robert W. Thorson . . . .	\$235 00
C. E. Libby . . . .	344 00
C. T. Morse . . . .	288 50
Captain Bradford . . . .	359 50
Anna M. Shaw . . . .	304 50
Joseph Carver . . . .	196 25
J. T. Le Baron . . . .	11 85
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	\$1,739 60

ORDINARY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS AND PERMANENT  
IMPROVEMENTS.

J. H. Thomas . . . .	\$21 34
Magee Furnace Co. . . .	91 61
J. K. & B. Sears & Co. . . .	158 38
Thomas W. Pierce . . . .	95 47
W. H. Southworth . . . .	145 85

J. & G. E. Doane . . . .	\$135 05
Eben Jones . . . .	113 91
Fred C. Sparrow . . . .	4 45
George H. Thompson . . . .	6 00
L. D. Churbuck . . . .	2 40
Carpenter, Morton & Co. . . .	9 00
John B. Knowland . . . .	6 73
Clark & Cole . . . .	1 25
C. W. Maxim . . . .	26 31
Zenas E. Phinney . . . .	35 54
Chandler Chair and Desk Co. . . .	569 80
W. C. Ryder . . . .	13 81
R. I. Cement & Drain Pipe Co. . . .	27 00
B. J. Allan . . . .	31 06
J. H. Dickerman . . . .	1 44
W. A. Andrews . . . .	8 25
M. W. Baxter . . . .	4 80
Frank E. Pierce . . . .	5 00
Martin T. Soule . . . .	75
Leander Winslow . . . .	33 55
H. A. Sparrow . . . .	44 21
	<hr/> \$1,592 96

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LITCHFIELD,  
W. H. SOUTHWORTH,  
NATHAN WASHBURN,  
W. A. ANDREWS,  
B. J. ALLAN,  
JOANNA T. LEONARD.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EIGHTEENTH IN THE SERIES.

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*To the School Committee and Citizens of Middleboro:*

My second annual report, containing a brief summary of the work and needs of the schools, is respectfully submitted.

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

#### *Attendance.*

A plan for securing a higher percentage of attendance has been adopted, and the results have been most gratifying.

Punctuality is an important habit that should grow into the very life of the pupil.

#### *Teacher Improvement and School Adornment.*

The monthly general teachers' meetings, grade and principals' meetings have been continued through the year.

A lecture course was one of the interesting features of the general meetings.

To stimulate growth such meetings are necessary.

Much has been done in making the rooms more attractive by the addition of beautiful and instructive pictures and casts. The efforts of the teachers in this work are praiseworthy.



An attractive school room is an essential adjunct of a good school.

### *High School.*

This school has had the largest enrollment in its history — 167 pupils.

Through the generous and timely action of the trustees of the Peirce estate, an additional teacher was secured and the work of the school greatly strengthened.

The physical laboratory has been fully equipped for individual working of divisions of ten pupils.

Our High School ranks well to the front of the high schools of the State.

The quality of the work is excellent.

The spirit in the school is deserving of especial mention.

### *Central Schools.*

The rapidly increasing number of pupils in the classes of the upper grades presents a problem which can only be solved by a new building. According to the present registration, the upper grades will have the following enrollment next fall: Ninth 69, eighth 55, seventh 57, sixth 61.

To relieve the congestion in the ninth grade I recommend that the schools at West Side be regraded so that there shall be nine grades instead of eight. This would take 25 pupils from the ninth grade at the Main Street building.

To relieve the sixth grade it may be necessary to open a new school room next fall.

The most important need of the town in educational matters at the present time is a new High School building.

A few changes have been made in some of the schools in school work.

The skipping division in Union Street school has been discontinued. Under present conditions it was not thought best to continue the plan.

The outdoor recess in the schools of Main Street building has been restored.

A current event period has been introduced into the eighth and ninth grades.

#### *Suburban Schools.*

The most inspiring event connected with the suburban schools was the dedication of two new school buildings — one on Pleasant Street and the other at the Soule. Attention is called to the condition at Plymouth Street and Highland schools. Plymouth Street building is badly out of repair. The Highland school room is too small to accommodate the present number. The building should be enlarged and thoroughly made over.

The time has come when some attention should be given to the proper seating of the pupils in these schools.

I recommend that at least one school room should be equipped with modern adjustable furniture each year.

A series of reception days during November and December was a pleasant feature of my work in these schools.

#### MUSIC.

The Messrs. H. J. and H. E. Whittemore concluded their services as instructors in music last June, and Mr. Austin M. Howard was elected to fill the position. Although this

is Mr. Howard's first experience as a musical director in public school work, he has devoted himself to the position with his characteristic energy and enthusiasm. He is endeavoring to lay a good foundation for future work, which will be seen as soon as the pupils in the lower grades reach the higher grades. Any true progress is not of a mushroom growth. It takes time to show the results of systematic training. For that reason any special work like music or drawing should never be commenced in school under trained supervision unless that supervision is to continue. If dropped in a few years the money expended is almost wasted. While music brings a great deal of pleasure into our lives, it does not have the practical value that comes from drawing. There are at present 200 towns in our State which employ special teachers in music.

#### COURSES OF STUDY.

The courses of study have been partly revised and collected in pamphlet form, making a book of 55 pages. This course is placed in the hands of the teachers to secure uniformity in the studies in classes of the same grade. The course in Reading and Literature has been extended and now covers three divisions of work. In the lower grades books to be read by the class, books to be read to the class, and poems to be memorized. In the higher grades, books to be read by the class, poems to be memorized and a list of books for home reading.

We appreciate the kindness of Mr. Joseph E. Beals, secretary of the board of trustees of the public library, for his

readiness to add such books to the library list as are needed by teachers and pupils; and also the courtesy of the librarian, Mrs. Adelaide K. Thatcher, for her interest in this branch of school work.

The Peirce legacy will be more and more a blessing to our schools. A new course for nature work has been added which will prove helpful. Rightly taught, no study is so productive of practical results as nature study.

A list of flag days has been prepared. On these days it is expected that the flag will be displayed and lessons appropriate to the occasion given. A deeper impression, it is believed, will be made upon the pupil and more significance be given to the occasion than if the flag is displayed every day.

Twenty-eight such days are designated — 6 term days and 22 historic days.

Teachers have been instructed to devote the first half hour of each historic day to exercises appropriate to the occasion. Patriotic teaching is thus given recognition in our schools.

A new course in music has been prepared by the teacher in music, covering the work of the first six years.

One important feature of the course is the list of reference books for the use of the teachers.

Nearly every course has a list appended.

A good course of study is a necessary accompaniment to any successful school system.

I earnestly hope that the work in drawing can be placed under a special teacher.



What our schools greatly need is a trained supervisor of drawing.

Nearly 200 towns of our State have such supervisors.

#### REPAIRS.

It is a pleasure to note that at last every room in the Central schools is equipped with single desks and seats. The old double desks in grades 4 and 5, Union Street building, and in grade 2, School Street building, have been replaced by modern adjustable furniture. This gives us attractive, well appointed school rooms.

The vacant room at the West Side has been furnished and school opened there January 6, 1902.

Purchade has also been equipped with modern adjustable furniture. It is now a very attractive school room. The school buildings at Waterville and Fall Brook have been painted. The walls of the school rooms at Purchade and Thomastown have been painted and the ceilings kalsomined. Highland house has been shingled. One of the furnaces at the School Street building has been moved to another part of the basement, at the advice of an expert in such matters.

The Union and School Street buildings were placed in excellent condition during the summer vacation by the gratuitous labor of the efficient janitor, Mr. William C. Carl.

Many minor repairs were done, and on the whole the school property was much improved.

As to the needs of the schools in the matter of repairs, I would call your attention to the following :



1. The High School building has not been renovated in any way since its occupancy in 1886.

2. Many of the suburban buildings would be much improved if the interiors were painted and repaired. Many of the buildings themselves also need painting.

3. The West Side building calls for some renovation.

4. An additional furnace should be placed in Union Street building that the halls may be heated.

5. The walls and ceilings of the rooms in School Street building should be re-tinted with lighter shades.

If it is not expedient to do these things at once, it seems to me a good policy to place one building in good condition each year.

#### CONCLUSION.

For the generous support of the School Board in all administrative measures, for the earnest and loyal efforts of the teachers, for the interest and good-will of the parents and pupils, I desire to return a sincere word of appreciation. With the same unity of effort in the future, the schools will continue to be worthy recipients of whatever appropriation may be granted, and the money thus given for their support will be economically expended for the best interests of the boys and girls of Middleboro, for whose instruction and training the best are none too good.

CHARLES H. BATES,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. C. H. BATES, *Superintendent of Schools*:

Dear Sir,—In submitting my annual report, I take pleasure in recording another successful year for our High School. The teachers, without exception, have done faithful, conscientious work, and have labored harmoniously for the best good of the school. The pupils, for the most part, have shown an earnest desire to co-operate with their teachers, and to improve the opportunities afforded them for securing an education.

Through the kindness of the trustees of the Peirce estate, an additional teacher has been furnished us, who has successfully rendered the assistance so long and so much needed. In order to provide another recitation room, a movable partition has been built through the assembly-room. This arrangement has proven as satisfactory as could be expected. Our teaching force is still smaller than that of most schools of our size.

Our attendance last fall was the largest in the history of the school. There was a total enrollment of 167, an increase of 22 over last year. A graduating class of 25 will leave us next June. A large class will be eligible for entrance next fall. If 80 per cent. of these enter the school, there will be, in all probability, another marked increase in our school enrollment. The question arises, "What are we going to do

with them all?" It seems an imperative necessity that some arrangement be made to meet this problem. Larger accommodations for our High School must be provided in the near future.

A long-felt want has been supplied in the way of physical apparatus. Several pieces have been procured for the lecture table and used with great profit. Apparatus has also been purchased so that the laboratory methods can be employed. The course in physics should be modified next year with this end in view. This arrangement will enable us to meet the requirements for entrance to Harvard in this subject.

I strongly advise that a course in German, one year in length, be added to our curriculum. Students who enter the Institute of Technology must offer this requirement. This will also be a great convenience to those who contemplate entering other higher institutions of learning.

There is not enough systematic home study done by many members of our school. This statement is applicable to a minority of our pupils. When a pupil has reached High School age he should make it a point to do considerable studying out of school. He should make his school work a business. His school work should be first in his mind. Outside attractions should be secondary. Some pupils have so many social duties to perform that when they undertake their school work they are physically and mentally unfit for performing it.

Far be it from my mind to decry healthful and legitimate recreation and pleasure. I am a firm believer in them. A

certain amount is necessary. I am inclined to think, however, that there is a tendency toward excess in this direction among some of our pupils. My point is simply this: All who enjoy the privilege of school opportunities should make the most of them. I have yet to find the person who had wasted his school opportunities who did not look back upon that fact with regret when he had reached maturer years.

The graduating class last June numbered 17.

The following was the class roll:

CLASS OF 1902.

*Classical Course.*

Ethel May Bartholomew.	Bethia Stetson Keith.
Helena McFarlin.	Grace Gordon Pierce.

*English Latin Course.*

Irene Harper Fielding.	Harriet Elizabeth Holloway.
Winifred Burgess Jackson.	Grace Chester Reed.
Ethel Frances Roberts.	Sarah Murdock Shaw.

*English Course.*

Bessie Baker Bailey.	Clyde Leonard Harlow.
Ethel Newell Bolles.	James Frederic Harvey.
Ethel Florine Evans.	Alice Letitia Porter.
Isabel Morton Thomas.	

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,  
*Principal of High School.*



## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. CHAS. H. BATES, *Supt. of Schools, Middleboro*:

Dear Sir,— At your request I herewith present my report of music in the Public Schools. In six months one can hardly establish himself in so comprehensive a study as music. To visit all the schools, acquaint yourself with over twelve hundred pupils and teachers, find out what they know and their needs, all this takes time.

The schools as a whole are deficient in the rudiments of music, and I have found it necessary to begin at the beginning in most grades. Exercises of a progressive nature are being introduced, and as fast as seems practical the regular line of work as outlined in "The Normal Music Course" will be taken up. In the lower grades this is already being done.

With teachers who are interested and willing (and I find many such in your schools) music in a few years can be put on a basis with other branches of education taught in your schools, and certainly with that in some of the larger towns near Middleboro which I have visited.

Owing to previous contract, it has not been possible for me to attend your teachers' meetings or have special talks with the teachers, but April 1st will find me at liberty to meet the teachers regularly, when I will try to make plain the work to be done and the best ways of doing it.

Respectfully yours,

A. M. HOWARD,

*Supervisor of Music.*



*MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S TIME SCHEDULE.*

Monday A.M.	8.20, High.	
	9.30 to 11.40, West side.	
Monday P.M.	1.30 to 2.30, Grammar Grades 8 and 9.	
	2.40 to 3.30, Union Street, Grades 4 and 5.	
		Every Month,
Tuesday A.M.	9.00, Pleasant Street, Second and fourth week	
	9.45, Plymouth Street,	"
	10.45, Purchase Street,	"
	11.30, Nemasket Street,	"
Tuesday P.M.	1.30, Grammar Grade 7.	
	2.00, Grammar Grade 6.	
	2.45 to 3.30, Forest Street,	
	Grades 1 and 2.	
		Every Month,
Wednesday A.M.	9.00, Highland, Second and fourth week.	
	10.00, Rock,	"
	11.00, Wappanucket,	"
Thursday A.M.	8.20, High.	
	10.15, South Middleboro,	"
Tuesday A.M.	9.00, Thomastown, First and third week.	
	10.00, Fall Brook,	"
	11.00, Green,	"
Wednesday A.M.	9.00, Thompsonville,	"
	10.00, Soule,	"
	11.00, Waterville,	"

## APPENDIX.

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Statistics.

School Enrollment and Attendance.

Changes of Teachers.

Report of Truant Officers.

Teachers' Training Class.

Graduates of Elementary Schools.

List of Teachers.

Storm Signal.

## ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS.

## VALUATION.

Assessed valuation of the town, 1902 . . .	\$4,252,381 00
Approximate value of schoolhouses and lots . . .	70,000 00
Approximate value of other school property, . . .	3,500 00

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

Amount available for school purposes . . . . .	\$26,115 01
Total cost of the schools for the year . . . . .	25,823 30
Ordinary expenses . . . . .	24,230 34
Percentage of assessed valuation expended for the schools . . . . .	.006
Average cost for pupil based on average membership . . . . .	21 14

## POPULATION.

Population of the town, 1900 (U. S. Census) . . . . .	6,885
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## SCHOOL CENSUS.

	Sept. 1, 1901,	Sept. 1, 1902.
Number of boys between the ages of 5 and 15 . . . . .	547	533
Number of girls between the ages of 5 and 15 . . . . .	529	514
	<hr/> 1,076	<hr/> 1,047

Number of boys between the ages of 7 and 14 . . . . .	391	360
Number of girls between the ages of 7 and 14 . . . . .	390	359
	<hr/> 781	<hr/> 719
Number illiterate minors over 14 years of age . . . . .	0	0

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

	Central.	Suburban.	Total.
Whole number of pupils enrolled . . . . .	889	419	1,308
Average membership . . . . .	775	370	1,185
Average daily attendance, . . . . .	712	326	1,038
Percentage of attendance, . . . . .	92	87	90
Number half day's absence, . . . . .	25,426	15,531	40,957
Number of cases of tardiness, . . . . .	818	613	1,431
Number of cases of dismissal, . . . . .	698	488	1,186
Number of cases of truancy, . . . . .	15	2	17
Number attending within the year over 15 years of age . . . . .	122	10	132
Number attending within the year between 7 and 14 years of age . . . . .	540	312	852

## STATISTICS OF EACH SCHOOL.

SCHOOLS.	Room.	TEACHERS.	Grades.	Total Membership.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High . . . .		Walter Sampson, <i>Prin.</i> . . Leonard O. Tillson . . . Grace Allen . . . . . Isabelle M. Briggs . . . .	10-13	147	134	128	96
Main street . .	4	Edgar M. Copeland, <i>Prin.</i> . .	9	49	45	42	93
	3	C. Augusta Thomas . . . .	8	47	44	40	90
	2	Gertrude Pratt . . . . .	7	63	49	48	98
	1	Ruby L. Howes . . . . .	6	41	40	36	90
Union street . .	2	Florence L. Dean, <i>Prin.</i> . .	5 & C	74	64	59	90
	R	Laura A. Holmes, <i>Ass't.</i> . .					
	1	May L. Stone . . . . .	4 & D	93	82	75	90
	R	Mattie M. Bennett, <i>Ass't.</i> , . .					
School street . .	3	Lucy P. Burgess . . . . .	3	73	61	54	89
	R	Emma N. Phinney, <i>Ass't.</i> , . .					
	2	Edith Willis . . . . .	2	36	32	29	90
	1	Eleanor A. Barden, <i>Prin.</i> , . .	1	44	40	36	90
Forest street . .	2	A. Belle Tenney, <i>Prin.</i> . .	2	36	32	29	90
	1	Delia R. Kingman . . . . .	1	31	29	26	90
West Side . . .	4	Frances M. Perry, <i>Prin.</i> . .	7-8	40	37	33	91
	3	Mabel E. Davis . . . . .	5-6	22	20	18	90
	2	Myra L. Atwood . . . . .	3-4	45	35	32	90
	1	Estelle E. Herrick . . . . .	1-2	44	32	27	87
Pleasant street .		Lena M. Baldwin . . . . .	mixed	32	28	23	85
Plymouth street,		Bessie L. Thomas . . . . .	"	20	18	15	84
Purchade . . .		Calista F. Hathaway . . . .	"	33	29	24	83
Nemasket . . .		Maude B. Perry . . . . .	"	30	28	27	92
Thompsonville,		Mary E. Deane . . . . .	"	21	18	17	92
Soule . . . . .		Carrie E. Soule . . . . .	"	27	24	23	95
Waterville . . .		A. Delle Alden . . . . .	"	29	24	20	85
Green . . . . .		Bertha E. Vaughn . . . . .	"	39	36	32	89
Fall Brook . . .		Mary C. Breckenridge . . . .	"	23	20	16	80
Thomastown . .		Lucy E. Merrihew . . . . .	"	40	35	33	90
So. Middleboro,		Veretta F. Shaw . . . . .	"	42	37	31	85
Highland . . .		Grace E. Bailey . . . . .	"	21	19	16	84
Rock . . . . .		Florence I. Reed . . . . .	"	36	31	27	89
Wappanucket . .		Lottie N. Besse . . . . .	"	26	23	22	85



## CHANGES OF TEACHERS,

JANUARY 1, 1902, TO JANUARY 1, 1903.

*Resignations.*

Susan P. Roundy, Main street, Grade VII.

Edgar M. Copeland, Main street, Grade IX.

C. Augusta Thomas, Main street, Grade VIII.

Ruby L. Howes, Main street, Grade VI.

Edith Willis, School street, Grade II.

Delia R. Kingman, Forest street, Grade I.

May L. Stone, Union street, Grade IV.

Mary C. Breckenridge, Fall Brook.

Elizabeth Landgrebe, Nemasket.

*Appointments.*

Mabel E. Davis, West Side, Grades V.-VI.

Josephine A. Pickering, High.

Elizabeth Landgrebe, School street, Grade II.

Sara E. Chase, Main street, Grade VIII.

Flora M. Clark, Forest street, Grade I.

Clifton W. M. Blanchard, Main street, Grade IX.

Cassie M. Brehaut, Union street, Grade IV.

Robert Cushman, Jr., Fall Brook.

Maude B. Perry, Nemasket.

Pamelia F. Caswell, Waterville.

Austin M. Howard, Music.

Gertrude Pratt, Main street, Grade VII., transferred.

Bertha E. Vaughn, Main street, Grade VI., transferred.

A. Delle Alden, Green, transferred.

## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

	Everett T. Lincoln.	S. S. Lovell.	George W. Hammond.
Number of cases investigated,	7	62	6
of truancy,	.3	7	0
prosecuted,	0	0	0
of convictions,	0	0	0
on probation,	0	0	0

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## TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

## NAMES OF PUPILS, 1901-1902.

Perry, Maude Barker, Graduate of Middleboro High School.  
 Rose, Angie Louise, " " "  
 Russell, Josie L. D., " Wareham "

All of the foregoing named persons completed the course  
 and were granted certificates of graduation.

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GRADUATES OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,  
JUNE, 1902.*Main Street Grammar School.*

Pearl G. Ashley,	Wales H. Andrews,
Amy L. Britton,	Chester M. Brackett,
F. Mildred Cole,	Arthur A. Cudworth,
Ethel M. Dustin,	Bartlett E. Cushing,
Alice A. Farrar,	Philip B. Deane,

Mabel Guilford,  
 Irene J. Hatch,  
 Ethel M. Howe,  
 Emma L. Kraus,  
 Elsie Landgrebe,  
 Cora S. Legge,  
 Catharine M. Lewis,  
 Mabel V. Perry,  
 Ethel F. Shaw,  
 Myrtie A. Shaw,  
 Lillian V. Thomas,  
 Helen E. Wheeler,  
 Esther W. Whitcomb,  
 Hattie L. Whitcomb,  
 Susie L. Whitcomb,  
 Bessie E. Williams,

Milton H. Healy,  
 Wendell G. Hoard,  
 Harry W. Howes,  
 Lewis A. Jones,  
 Norris M. Macomber,  
 Ernest L. Maxim,  
 Fred D. McKeown,  
 J. Alden Miller, Jr.,  
 William L. Scanlon,  
 George M. Snow,  
 Willis V. Snow,  
 Charles H. Soule,  
 Stanwood W. Sparrow,  
 John V. Sullivan,  
 Arthur H. Swift,  
 Carlton I. White.

*Green School.*

Helen C. Smith.

*Highland School.*

Alta M. Maxim.

*Rock School.*

Lena B. Chace,

Winifred D. Lakey,  
 Elsie B. McKeen.

*Soule School.*

Margaret Parnell,

Alice M. Ward,  
 Scott J. Dimock.

*South Middleboro School.*

Louise S. Wilber,                      Lewis W. Garney,  
    Elmer A. Sisson.

*Thomastown School.*

Margaret McAulay,                      Frank H. Shaw,  
 Dorothy Shaw,                              Walter L. Shaw,  
 Mary Shaw,                                  Howard S. Weaver.

*Thompsonville School.*

Aymar B. Freeman,                      Elsa Libby.

*Wappanucket School.*

Eleanor Frost,                              Eugenia C. Messer,  
 Elizabeth P. Messer,                      Frederick K. Bradford.  
    Jay G. Galligan.

*Waterville School.*

Edna F. Bryant,                              Felix Commeau,  
    Harrison C. Shaw.

## LIST OF TEACHERS, FEBRUARY 1, 1903.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*Main Street, near Town Hall.*

Walter Sampson, Principal, 46 North Main street.  
 Leonard O. Tillson, 11 North street.  
 Grace Allen, 65 Pearl street.  
 Isabelle M. Briggs, 69 Centre street.  
 Josephine A. Pickering, 19 Oak street.

## MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*High School Building.*

Room.	Grade.
4. Clifton M. W. Blanchard, Prin.,	9. 23 Webster street.
3. Sara E. Chase,	8. 3 Rock street.
2. Gertrude Pratt,	7. 26 Oak street.
1. Bertha E. Vaughn,	6. Rock.

## UNION STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Union Street, near Centre.*

Room.	Grade.
2. Florence L. Dean, Prin.,	5. 4 Southwick street.
Laura A. Holmes, Ass't,	120 Centre street.
1. Cassie M. Brehaut,	4. 3 Rock street.
Mattie M. Bennett, Ass't,	8 Peirce street.

## SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*School Street, near Centre.*

Room.	Grade.
3. Lucy P. Burgess,	3. 2 Myrtle street.
Emma N. Phinney, Ass't,	24 Pearl street.
2. Elizabeth Landgrebe,	2. North street.
1. Eleanor A. Barden, Prin.,	1. Pearl street.

## FOREST STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Forest Street.*

Room.	Grade.
2. A. Belle Tenney,	2. 65 Oak street.
1. Flora M. Clark,	1. 18 Forest street.



## WEST SIDE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Room.	Grade.	
4. Frances M. Perry, Prin.,	6-8	210 Centre street.
3. Mabel E. Davis,	5-7	210 Centre street.
2. Myra L. Atwood,	3-4	212 Centre street.
1. Estelle E. Herrick,	1-2	18 Forest street.

## SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street — Lena M. Baldwin, 21 Webster street.

Plymouth Street — Bessie L. Thomas, Wareham street.

Purchade — Calista F. Hathaway, 16 Benton street.

Nemasket — Maude B. Perry, 6 Myrtle Street.

Thompsonville — Mary E. Deane, Thompson street.

Soule — Carrie E. Soule, 3 Soule Street.

Waterville — Pamela F. Caswell, 96 Pearl Street.

Green — A. Delle Alden, 75 South Main street.

Fall Brook — Robert Cushman, Jr., Wareham street.

Thomastown — Lucy E. Merrihew, 23 East Grove Street.

South Middleboro — Veretta F. Shaw, South Middleboro.

Highland — Grace E. Bailey, 31 Webster street.

Rock — Florence I. Reed, 80 Centre street.

Wappanucket — Lottie N. Besse, 152 Centre street.

Music — Austin M. Howard, 66 Everett street.

## MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL STORM SIGNALS. REVISED APRIL, 1897.

*For all Schools.*

The Signal, 2—1—2, will be given four times upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 7.45 A.M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.30 P.M., for suspension of the afternoon session.

*For Grades I-V.*

The Signal, 2—1—2, will be given four times upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A.M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 1 P.M., for suspension of the afternoon session.

CHARLES H. BATES, *Superintendent of Schools.*CHARLES W. KINGMAN, *Chief Eng. Fire Dept.*

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

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PLYMOUTH, SS.

*To Sylvanus Mendall, or either of the Constables of the  
Town of Middleborough,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Monday, March 2, 1903, at 8 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz. : One Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, and one Tree Warden, all for one year each ; one Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Assessor, for three years ; one Overseer of the Poor for three years ; three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each ; two members of the School Committee, each for three years ; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, and one member of the Board of Health for three years. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A.M., and will not be closed before half-past three o'clock P.M.

Art. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money by tax or otherwise as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the current year; appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

Art. 6. To hear the report of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

Art. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses" and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a night watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets, and act thereon.



Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Municipal Light Board for their services the present year, and act thereon.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to concrete or other sidewalks, appropriate any sum of money for the same, and act thereon.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in regard to disposing of its right to take alewives for one year, or a term of years, and act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the protection of its public shade trees from the ravages of the elm leaf beetle, brown-tail moth, or any other shade tree destroying insect, appropriate a sum of money to carry the foregoing article into effect, and act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as posted by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to change the name of Water Street from its commencement at "Four Corners" to its junction with Wareham Street, to be called Wareham Street.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to build a new High School building, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 21. To see what action the town will take in relation to altering or amending their By-Laws, and act thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to build or to hire a building for an armory for drill and accommodation for all State and national property to be issued to it, and act thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the town will build a new schoolhouse



at North Middleborough on Plymouth Street, raise and appropriate money for the same, and act thereon. (On petition of Warren S. Gibbs and fifteen others.)

Art. 24. To see if the town will build a new schoolhouse in the Highland district, to raise and appropriate money for the same, and act thereon.

Art. 25. To see what further action the town will take in regard to the West Side drainage and appropriate money therefor, and for deficiencies already existing.

Art. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to the suppression of crime in the town.

Art. 27. To see if the town will install a system of electric lights from W. L. Wade's corner, at Rock, to E. C. Reed's corner, South Middleborough, to raise and appropriate money for the same, and act thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the town will accept and confirm the action of the Selectmen in laying out Lane Street, Arlington Street and Sumner Avenue, as per report of the Selectmen on file with the Town Clerk.

Art. 29. To see what salary the town will pay the Tree Warden the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred (300) dollars for the drainage of the gas house premises, and act thereon.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to make its Selectmen a committee to yearly, or oftener, examine the accounts and vouchers of the trustees of the Peirce Fund, with full authority in behalf of the town to approve or disapprove of the same.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to make its Selectmen a committee to examine the accounts of the executor of the estate of Thomas S. Peirce, with full authority in behalf of the town to approve or disapprove of the same.

Art. 33. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to employ proper means to suppress the illegal sale of liquor in the town.

Art. 34. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint no person to an office for which he was a candidate and failed of election at a regular election.

Art. 35. To see what action the town will take in regard to acquiring the remaining water privileges, with adjoining land, at the Shovel Works Dam, so called.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to improve that part of the county road beginning at the Middleborough Green, and running through the village of Waterville to the Carver line, to raise and appropriate money for the same, and act anything thereon.



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